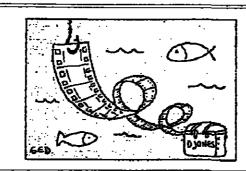


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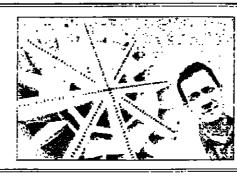
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Major left stony-faced at conference as party divisions over Europe are laid bare

Tebbit savages Maastricht to Tory ovation

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative party was embroiled in open warfare last night after a passionate and theatrical intervention from Lord Tebbit in which he denounced the government's European policy and embar-rassed the prime minister.

Tory leaders were striving to hold the party together after an astonishing day at their Brighton conference had seen its divisions over Maastricht laid bare by Lord Tebbit's warning that the government

was in "desperate trouble". Douglas Hurd, foreign secretary, told the party that it could break itself apart over Europe after a noisy and bitter debate in the conference hall. and a string of attacks on Maastricht on the fringe. The

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Fake doctor jailed

A former US army para-medic who posed as a doctor to get a job at an Essex hospital was jailed for deception. But Matthew Brafman was cleared of the manslaughter of one his patients after the Old Bailey was told it was impossible to determine how she died Page 6

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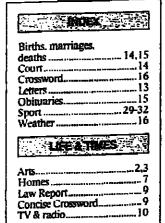
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government's troubles piled up as Kenneth Baker, the former home secretary, put himself at the head of the Commons revolt over Maastricht. Mr Baker, who left the cabinet only six months ago, is now expected to vote against the treaty ratification bill when it returns to the Commons, probably just before Christ-

Although the government was able to claim backing for its Maastricht strategy from a largely meaningless vote at the conference, it was obvious that a good third of the representatives supported the anti-Maastricht, anti-ERM line personified by Lord Tebbit.

The former party chairman, who had tried unsuccessfully to table an amendment calling for the abandonment of economic and monetary union, was cheered loudly as he went to the rostrum for a speech that severely embarrassed Mr Major and his watching

The prime minister looked on stony-faced as Lord Tebbit offered him what appeared to be only qualified support. He said he would pledge his support to him "whenever and wherever you pursue policies to restore our economy, to preserve the rights of these islands and manage our af-

His most wounding jibe came when he referred to efforts by newspapers to bring down the Chancellor Norman Lamont. Turning to him, he said: "I hope, prime minister, you will stand by your Chan-cellor. After all, it was not Norman Lamont's decision to enter the ERM." Mr Major took Britain into the ERM

when he was Chancellor. In a well-received speech that followed Lord Tebbit's Mr Hurd said that just as the Tories had broken apart over the Corn Laws and tariff reform "our party could break itself over Europe - with consequences which would deeply damage Britain and only give comfort to our oppo-nents". He was cheered when he added: "Let us decide to give that madness a miss."

Earlier Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, had warned of the risk of party splits ruining Tory hopes of a fifth term in office. He warned the conference against treading "the socialist road of

MPs to "stand together", adding: "The test of any political party is not how united it is in the good times, but how united it stays in the tough

tions than any party in Britain united and the most determined party in Britain. Over the same period Labour have been the most divided and the most undisciplined party in Britain. That is why they have lost, and lost, and lost and lost

Mr Hurd said after the debate that "no one should be taken in by a noisy minority". The government made plain last night that it was unmoved by the day's events and would press ahead, as planned, with the ratification of the treaty. It was clear, however, that

the Euro-sceptic speakers were winning the more enthusiastic receptions as the debate proceeded. The motions chosen for debate gave them no opportunity to express their views on whether the treaty should be ditched or decided on a referendum.

The conference voted overwhelmingly for a pro-Govern-ment motion that ministers should "continue to build an open and outward-looking -Community" as well as an alongside the treaty to end unnecessary interference from Brussels. Lord Tebbit later called the vote "a joke". He maintained that he had been extending the hand of friend-

ship to the prime minister. Party managers had expected the debate to show up the party's differences, but they were taken aback by the rapturous reception for Lord Tebbit, and the way he milked their acclaim by striding on to the conference floor, arms aloft, like a conquering hero with some of the audience chanting "Norman, Nor-man". He discomfited the leadership by disclosing that a out to be Kenneth Clarke, home secretary - had con-fessed on television that he had not read the treaty. He Continued on page 16, col 4

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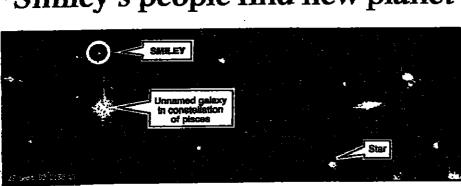


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Lady of the Ism. L&T. page 1 division". He called on Tory 'Spy in the sky' detected beyond Pluto

Smiley's people find new planet



By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

ASTRONOMERS have taken the first picture, above, of a new planet lying at the very edge of the solar system.

Reddish in colour and 125 miles across, the new planet may be named Smiley, after George Smiley, hero of the John le Carré spy novels. The two discoverers, David Jewitt and Jane Luu of the University of Hawaii, are le Carré fans and were discussing the character of the elusive Smiley at the telescope when they made the discovery. Since their first observa-

tions at the end of August, the tiny planet has been photographed by astronomers at the European Southern Observatory in La Silla, Chile. They had to wait until after the full Moon in mid-September to produce images of

Smiley — officially known as 1992 QB1 - because it is so dim and distant that it cannot be seen when the Moon is full. The pictures, taken on September 27 and 28, confirm what had been suspected. that QB1 is in orbit around the Sun at a distance of 3.700 million miles. This puts it just outside the orbit of the most

distant planet. Pluto, and

means that it takes 262 years to make a complete orbit round the Sun.

Since Pluto was discovered in 1930, no more distant object orbiting the Sun has been found, so astronomers regard QB1 as very important. Because it is so small they do not believe that it is the long-sought tenth planet which some astronomers consider necessary to explain the precise movements of the other nine. The chances are that it is the first member of a new asteroid belt originally Continued on page 16, col 5

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Shares and pound stage a recovery

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

STERLING and share prices made recoveries yesterday in sharp contrast to the volatile movements on Monday that pattered the pound to a new low against the mark, and cleared £19 billion off share

Sterling rose by almost six ofennigs, and closed at DM2.4509. The pound remained steady against the dollar, and the Bank of England's trade-weighted index rose by 1.1 to 81.7. However, currency dealers

said that sterling's improvement yesterday was largely a technical correction, and that the market's mood remains

The FTSE 100 index finished 42.1 higher at 2,488.4 as investors cautiously took advantage of what analysts said were many oversold posit ions. Sentiment on the London stock market was also helped by a firmer Wall Street and a positive performance by the Tokyo stock market.

But analysts are saying that the stock market is not for those of a nervous disposition. Institutions are generally unwilling to commit themselves before the speech tomorrow by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Conservative party conference in Brighton, and uncertainty about interest rates and the general health of the British economy remains.

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Serbs curb air force

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

in Geneva, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs announced yesterday that his forces would suspend all military flights over Bosnia, a gesture he hoped would make the proposed United Nations air embargo unnecessary.

Radovan Karadzic said after talks with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the European Community and UN peace negotiators, that the Serbian side accepted a ban on military flights as a temporary measure. He insisted, however, on the condition "that the other side does not use this to undertake offensive action".

The Foreign Office yesterday welcomed the announcement as an important step which Britain, as hosts of the

AFTER lengthy negotiations Yugoslav peace conference. and the Geneva negotiators had been urging on the Serbs for some time.

"Taken in conjunction with what is happening in New York, this puts another piece of the jigsaw in place" a spokesman said. The security council is now preparing a resolution to propose monitoring of a no-fly zone in Bosnia by UN forces in the area.

Mr Karadzic threatened on Sunday to withdraw from the Geneva talks if the UN air embargo went ahead. He has denied that his forces have used air power against civilians and said planes were deployed only occasionally to support infantry.

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Checks start on jumbo iet bolts BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

AND LIN JENKINS IN AMSTERDAM

AIRLINES around the world yesterday began examining engine mounting bolts fitted to more than 500 Boeing 747 jumbo jets and which may yield a clue to the cause of the

Amsterdam air disaster. The two three-inch hollow "sheer pins" fixing each engine to the main wing spar which are being inspected are designed to break under an impact of around seven tons. Their design should allow the engine to break free from the wing as an aircraft lands with its wheels up or ditches in the sea but strong enough to support the engines during even the most severe mid-air turbulence.

Investigators trying to find out what happened in the El Al crash will want to know whether the bolts had become cracked and had then snapped in mid-air. The number who died when the plane hit an apartment block was yesterday revised down to around 200 after 88 survivors reported to the

authorities.

Boeing had advised airlines which operate the 747-100. 200 and 300 series that they should inspect the bolts several weeks ago in case they were found to have failed on the identical China Airlines 747 freighter which crashed in Taiwan last December.

Still they have no evidence to show that they did somehow sheer, but the fact that the same two engines broke away from the aircraft which crashed at Amsterdam provides circumstantial evidence that they may be somehow involved and that Boeing maintenance advice has been made mandatory.

The enormous strains put on the bolts - and four other full strength mounting pins can occasionally cause cracks to appear and they must be Continued on page 16, col 1

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Airline of the Year 1992.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Three water firms

end hosepipe bans

Three water companies announced yesterday that drought restrictions and hosepipe bans affecting more than a million customers in Kent will be lifted from Monday. The

restrictions are the first to be dropped following heavy rain in many of the areas which have been affected by drought through four dry winters, but the companies went out of their way to warn customers that at least some of the

Graham Setterfield, Southern Water Services' divisional director in Kent, said underground reserves, from which

three-quarters of his area's supplies were drawn, were still at

an all-time low. "But we are better placed this year to benefit

from winter rainfall than we have been for the last four years

restrictions were likely to be reimposed next spring. The companies are Mid Kent Water, serving the Maidstone, Canterbury and Ashford areas, Southern Water Services' Kent division which supplies the Thanet and Medway areas, and Folkestone and Dover Water Services.

Investigators in Amsterdam search for engine bolts to find out what went wrong

Plane's heavy payload may have caused crash into flats

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

ACCIDENT investigators are examining whether the Boeing 747 which crashed into a block of Amsterdam flats on Sunday night killing more than 200 people was too heavy to stay in the air once two of its engines had failed. While faults in key engine mounting bolts are thought to be a possible cause, the load may have played a part in the

Still close to its maximum take-off weight of 351 tons at a height of 5.000ft, the pilot may well have been unable to maintain straight and level flight making the accident

The investigators are, however still faced with a complex riddle of conflicting evidence and often no evidence at all
as they try to piece together just how it happened. Some pilots even claim that the aircraft should have been able to pull away even though it was more likely to sink slowly downwards, while others insist the crash could not have

With little of the aircraft remaining and so far no sign of the flight recorders, the investigation is likely to centre on a minute inspection of the two engines that have been recovered from a lake and the paperwork showing the exact amount of freight and fuel loaded by the crew. The bolts have yet to be recovered.

If the bolts, or any part of them, still remain they may at least go some way towards proving whether a single engine or indeed both engines broke from the wing and so set up a chain of events which led to disaster.

Had they failed as Captain Isaac Fuchs accelerated his jet cargo aircraft away from Amsterdam at the start of its fourand-a-half-hour flight to Israel, the effect could have been catastrophic, although with instruments designed to tell him whether an engine was on fire but none to tell him whether it had dropped off the wing. Captain Fuchs would probably not have realised what had happened.

The inner starboard engine. which he told ground controllers failed first, may have

Two killed

in executive

jet crash

By Nicholas Watt

THE pilot and co-pilot of an

executive jet were killed yester-

day when their plane crashed

and burst into flames after

taking off from Prestwick Air-

port. Strathclyde. The British

Aerospace Jeistream flipped

over and crashed into the

runway. There was nobody else on board.

The 18-seat jet was believed

to have been on a test or

development flight to East

Midlands Airport. It is made

at a plant near Prestwick

airport, which is used for training because it is quiet

David Learmount, of Flight

International magazine, said

the Jetstream, one of BAe's

most successful export earners,

had an excellent safety record.

It has attracted steady orders

from overseas, particularly from regional airlines in

America where it is used as a

flew in 1967, is a scaled-down

airliner aimed at the executive

market. When BAe an-

nounced redundancies last

month its Prestwick factory

was one of the few to be

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commuter aircraft.

flipped upwards and backwards over the wing as it was supposed to do or it may have been forced by the gyroscopic effect of its whirling famblades to the right to smash into the outer starboard engine, causing that to break away too. The chances of the same bolts breaking at the same time in two engines are extremely

The investigators also know that he later had problems with his flaps, suggesting that whatever damage the engine had caused, either as it broke up or tore itself free, affected the hydraulic system perhaps causing the leading edge flaps to deploy on one wing and not on the other, so exacerbating his problems.

Whether or not the engines broke free from the wing first. or as a result of a fire, does not necessarily mean that the aircraft was doomed. The aircraft's weight was

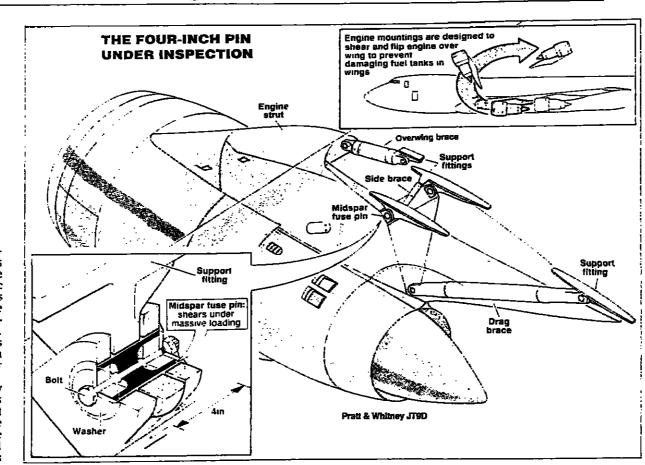
just as significant. A Boeing 747-200F has a maximum take off weight of 351 tons. Any heavier and it cannot leave the runway. The aircraft weighed around 175 tons empty and the freight is believed to have weighed 114 tons. Capt Fuchs could not. therefore have taken on board more than 62 tons of fuel at Amsterdam - sufficient to take him to Tel Aviv burning fuel at the rate of around ten tons an hour and on to any diversion airport together with five per cent for emergencies.

Equally a 747-200 cannot maintain its straight and level flight on two engines if it weighs more than 280 tons. Any heavier and in drifts slowly downwards.

Take off and climb to 5.000 feet would have used up around five tons of fuel and a have been lost through severed fuel pipes or dumped by the flight engineer.

The two engines each weigh almost eight tons and as they fell from the aircraft so the weight would have come however, have been above the

Pilots have to undergo regu-





Piecing the evidence together: one of the engines

handling a vast array of problems which rarely, if ever occur in flight. Every six months they must be checked out on their ability to take off and land on three engines. an almost rougine procedure.

About every two years instructors will suddenly "throw in" a second engine failure. lar checks in simulators to sometimes at the worst posensure that they are capable of sible moment as the aircraft is

as low as 500ft from simulated touchdown. This is where the workload becomes, for some, too much. Not only must they instantly calculate their weight, but they must instantly deploy just the right amount of flap, kill the fire and carry out a mind-numbing variety of checks as well as control the aircraft as it powers away to a

Toll cut as 88 missing residents are traced

By LIN JENKINS

THE estimated death toll in the Amsterdam air crash was revised downwards closer to 200 yesterday after 88 people believed to be missing were

Across the country an official period of mourning began with Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, leading a minute's silence in parliament. Flags flew at half mast. aircraft were ordered not to fly over the crash site and television stations agreed not to broadcast airline advertising for the time being. In Amsterdam, the annual lunar fair due to run from October 8-18 was cancelled.

bodies, the authorities suggested that the true death igure would never be known. Some bodies would have been reduced to ashes by the intensity of the blaze as a ruptured gas main fuelled the burning aviation fuel. Many

As firemen recovered more

victims were illegal immigrants living with friends and relatives and it is unclear whether their relatives have risked reporting them as missing. By yesterday evening 14 bodies had been removed from the pile of tangled metal

and rubble. Ed van Thijn,

mayor of Amsterdam, said

that he still expected the final figure to be above 200. The initial list contained people who had moved, were on

holiday or temporarily away. He estimated that up to 100 of the illegal immigrants who found shelter among the immigrant communities on the estate could be among the dead. He broadcast appeals on television and radio for those who knew of illegal immigrants in the block to put their names on the It was announced yesterday

that the two apartment blocks in Bijlmermeer had been made safe enough for recovery work to be speeded up and heavier machinery to be used. The public health department said bodies had to be removed as quickly as possible to reduce the risk of disease.

Arrangements were being made to move the homeless from the Bijlmer sports centre and hotels to more permanent accommodation. Most wanted to remain in the area among their families and friends

A team of councillors went to the local primary school to help children begin coping with the loss of friends. Others went to the sports centre to talk to survivors

and the heavy rain has been an encouraging start to the recharging season," he said. Geoff Baldwin, chairman of Mid Kent Water, praised customers for responding "magnificently" to pleas for water economy but said a hosepipe ban would return in the spring unless the winter

Homeless care 'poor'

Britain is among the worst countries in Europe in which to be homeless, according to a report from the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless. It is ranked with the poorer peripheral countries of Europe including Greece. Ireland. Portugal and Spain. in terms of the co-ordinated approach it offers the homeless. Although on average 80 per cent of the services for homeless people's basic needs of sleeping and eating are satisfactory. Britain is less successful in reintegrating the homeless back into the community and provides inadequate social and pyschological support thereafter than most of its neigh-

Holiday health alert

Travel agents were yesterday urged to highlight the dangers of holidays off the beaten track after a man died from a virulent strain of malaria picked up during an African tour. A Sheffield inquest on John Guy, 60. an accountant, was told that in spite of taking a course of anti-malaria drugs he had succumbed to a strain of the illness which has symptoms that make it difficult to diagnose. Last year 11 people died in Britain from the strain, falciparum malaria. Mr Guy died six weeks after returning from a two-week stay in Kenya that included a three-day up-country safari. His GP at first believed he had a chest infection. The coroner recorded a verdict of death from natural causes.

Siege gunman shot

Police marksman shot and injured a man last night after a three-hour siege at the home of his estranged wife at Heathfield, East Sussex. Police sent a dog to tackle the man when he emerged carrying a sawn-off shotgun in each hand. He fired a shot as the dog raced towards him and moments later was hit himself by one of several marksmen who had surrounded the house. The siege began after the gunman took his estranged wife and a man hostage. The woman was later released and was taken into police custody while the siege continued, with shots being fired. The male hostage was said to have been hurt, but not seriously. The gunman was later taken to hospital at Eastbourne.

Prisoner pulls knife

Police and the Home Office yesterday began investigating how a top-security prisoner smuggled ammonia into a police van in an escape attempt that injured nine. Police and Home Office sources identified the man as Anthony Bolden, 28, a high-security inmate at Belmarsh prison, south-east London, since he was captured after an escape in April from a prison van. Yesterday. Bolden, of no fixed address, arrived at Wallington magistrates' court, southwest London, by police van. Although handcuffed to a prison officer, he produced a home-made knife, and seven police and two prison officers were squirted with ammonia before he was restrained. He was remanded in custody to October 19.

Jackson's voice cleared

The world's most valuable vocal cords flew out of Britain on Concorde yesterday after being pronounced free of serious damage by a throat specialist. Michael Jackson, right, is reported to have consulted David Garfield Davies, director of the voice clinic at the Middlesex Hospital, over fears of nodules developing on his vocal cords. Mr Garfield Davies would not confirm he had seen the singer but said: "I shouldn't think he's got anything seriously wrong."



- Commerce

£1m paid for Pitchford

Pitchford Hall, Shropshire, has been sold for an estimated £1 million. The agents, Knight Frank & Rutley and Balfour & Cook, did not reveal the name of the overseas buyer, who will use it as a family home. The buyer is understood to be prepared to continue restoring what is regarded as one of the finest half-timbered frame houses in England. ☐ Without government action the present trickle of historic

houses coming on to the market could become an unsustainable flood, Angus Stirling, director of the National Trust, said yesterday. He said it was a tragedy that the contents of Pitchford Hall, accumulated over centuries, had been separated from the house.

Tunnel worker killed

A Channel tunnel worker was killed yesterday after being hit by a works train in the service tunnel. The man, who has not been named, is the eighth worker to be killed at the British end of the tunnel project. TML the contractors for Eurotunnel, said that the Health and Safety Executive had been informed and an investigation was under way. A spokesman said that no further details would be released until the man's next of kin had been informed.

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Low sales deepen Girl tied car industry gloom to railings at school

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

per cent last month, putting the motor industry on course for its worst annual performance in ten years.

The decline reversed any hopes that the industry was showing signs that it could recover from a recession that has cost an estimated £6.5 billion in lost sales over the past three years. Instead, companies are revising their forecasts, predicting that sales of new cars could fall to 1.55 million, the lowest total since 1982 and 750,000 less than sales compared with the record year of 1989.

Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders were seized on by union leaders as confirmation that manufacturing industry is struggling to survive the recession. Jimmy Airlie, national official with the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "The motor industry is the engine of the economy. It has been spluttering for some time but appears to have

The gloom also deepened among manufacturers at the Paris Motor Show hoping that launching new models could put some gloss on the year in spite of the short-time working and redundancies that have been forced on the industry recently. Forecasts suggest that European markets would continue to fall to

add to the slump at home.

The fall in September means that sales so far in 1992 are down to 1.297,423. 2.62 per cent below the January to September total for 1991 that was claimed by manufacturers to be the worst slump for 50 years.

Ford, which has 10,000 workers at its two main plants at Dagenham, Essex and Halewood, Merseyside, on short-time working, saw its market share dropping from 29.36 per cent in September, 1991. to 21.63 per cent.

SALES of new cars fell by four Rover, however, started to make up some ground lost throughout the rest of the year by improving its market share from 11.65 per cent to 15.13 per cent year on year while Vauxhall also improved from

12.86 per cent to a 15.12 per cent share of the total market. The top ten best selling cars so far this year are: 1 Ford Escort (100,942); 2 Ford Fiesta (89,419); 3 Vauxhali Cavalier (86,932): 4 Vauxhall Astra 5 Ford Sierra (66.173): 6 Rover 200 Series (57,290): 7 Rover Metro (43,540): 8 Peugeot 405 (39,959): 9 Vauxhall Nova (35.354); 10 Peugeot 205

☐ The successor to two of the most famous badges in motoring, the Cortina and Sierra, was named yesterday by Ford. The new mid-range car to be launched next year will drop the company's traditional names to become the

The car comes to Britain next March to replace the tenyear-old Sierra and will be a mid-size family saloon using a two-litre, 16-valve petrol en-gine, Allan Gilmour, Ford of Europe's president, is hoping the Mondeo will build a sales wall against the barrage of Japanese cars now being



COUNCIL officials found a girl tied to playground railings and teachers indifferent to the spectacle when they carried out a routine inspection at Colville School in Notting Hill Gate, west London. The head teacher, Martin Brown, resigned

BY JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION

CORRESPONDENT

shortly before a report on the incident reached Kensington and Chelsea council's education and libraries committee. The inspectors cited

the playground incident as an example of contin-uing disciplinary prob-lems at the primary school. They had been critical of pupils' behaviour and punctuality after an initial visit in November 1991. Their second report,

submitted last month, was a devastating cri-tique of Mr Brown's stewardship. A disciplinary code drawn up by staff had not been implemented systematically, it said. Some lessons lacked professional teaching and care, and 64 of the 272 pupils were late on one day when the school had been urged to

improve punctuality.

Mr Brown was accused by the inspectors of failing to solve problems analytically, or an-ticipating the likely outcomes of a course of action. For example, new playground equipment made it easy for the children to climb over the playground fence. An acting head is now

in charge while a succes-sor to Mr Brown is being the colleague said. In a radio interview yester-

Bart's chief quits

By JEREMY LAURANCE day, Sir Bernard Tomlinson

THE manager of one of London's leading teaching hospitals has resigned less than a fortnight before a report is due to go to ministers naming his hospital — St Bartholomew's — as one of four facing closure under the NHS internal market.

Ken Grant, who has been manager of St Bartholomew's for ten years, is the first victim of the Tomlinson enquiry into the future of London's health service. The enquiry report, due to go to the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley. next week, is expected to say that four London teaching hospitals, including Bart's, cannot survive in their present form, with the loss of thousands of jobs.

The resignation of Mr Grant at a critical moment for his hospital will seriously weaken its capacity to resist closure. Publication of the Tomlinson report, expected at the end of the month, will be followed by two months of consultation during which the named hospitals will fight to secure their futures while ministers decide what to do.

An outspoken manager, with a reputation as a maverick. Mr Grant has refused to toe the management line and caused resentment in North East Thames health region with his entrepreneurial activities. A vigorous supporter of the NHS reforms that have brought his departure, he once spoke of his vision of a Bart's group of hospitals operating throughout the country adver-tised with the slogan "Bart's — British and best".

Colleagues were taken by surprise by Mr Grant's decision, but said that he had often spoken of resigning, "Anyone in that position must be depressed at having to hold the

reins ever more tightly as time goes on." said one. After trying for ten years to maintain services to the local population. the prospect of Tomlinson putting a gun to his head was the final straw,

was dominated by "very expensive, large hospitals" being kept affoat by at least £50 million of government funding this year. Without change. increasing numbers of hospitals would come under pressure to such an extent that the

chairman of the enquiry, said

that health care in the capital

whole financial structure would collapse", he said. The St Bartholomew's group of hospitals has forecast a deficit of £12.2 million this year because the group has lost contracts to outlying hospitals. Mr Grant, who refused to confirm his resignation, said

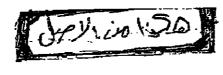
yesterday that Bart's was likely to become a smaller, more specialist hospital, despite treating more patients this year and carrying a "substan-tial local workload". He expressed bitterness at the British Medical Association's unexpected change of heart last month in agreeing to support the government over closures in London and said that the implications had "not been thought through".

Lesley Rees, the dean of the St Bartholomew's medical school, said that it would "not be surprising" if Mr Grant had been prompted to resign by reports of the threat to his own hospital. "He has done a very good job and achieved a huge change in the attitude of senior doctors, which are very difficult to change, and done it with great sensitivity," she

Sir Alfred Shephard, Shepperd, chairman of the St Bartholomew's Homerton Trust, was unavail-

Correction

Mr Tom Hardie-Forsyth was incorrectly described as a For-eign Office military liaison officer in a report of a court case in which he gave evidence (October 3). He is no longer in the army, and is UK coordinator, Kurdistan Reconstruction Organisation.



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tells court how he survived IRA ambush

By Edward Gorman, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

a Dublin court yesterday of his fierce gun battle with an IRA unit in which he killed one of the four men who had set an ambush for him at a remote border farm.

The man, a part-time sol-dier in the Royal Irish Regiment, explained how he managed to drive the three surviving men off despite having been shot eight times

William Glass, a dog war-den with Fermanagh District Council who has served as a part-time corporal with the Royal Irish Regiment (formerly the Ulster Defence Regiment) since 1970, told the Special Criminal Court in Dublin that he had gone to a farm at Scardans Upper near Belleek in Co. Fermanagh on February 5 this year, after receiving a call about a dog. Mr Glass told the court that

before travelling to the farm, which is only 1½ miles from the border with Donegal, he took the precaution of collecting his personal protection weapon, a Walther P5 pistol, from his home

He said he kept the gun cocked under his coat on the front seat of his van.

As he arrived at the farm a man wearing a baladaya and a military jacket rushed to-wards the passenger door shouting: "IRA, get out of the

"I immediately picked up my pistol," Mr Glass told Kevin Haugh, SC, for the prosecution. "As I picked it up he must have seen me going for the pistol, for a shot came from him. His shot came in through the passenger window and through the windscreen in front of me. I immediately returned fire."

The court had earlier been told that Mr Glass fired at least three times, hitting the IRA man in the chest and

At this point a second gun-man tried to open the driver's door. Mr Glass managed to push the door open himself. orcing his assailant to retreat. firing a shot as he did so. Again the soldier fired back. Mr Glass then spotted a third gunman at the gable end

A LOCAL council worker told of the house but ran out of ammunition soon afterwards. He told the court that it was as he was trying to get another magazine from his jacket in the van that the third and fourth gunmen approached

him, firing continuously. They were coming down the yard firing on automatic. he told the court. "At that time I got injuries to my legs. I had seven bullet holes in one leg and one injury in the other one. I returned fire and some-

body yelled and ran back."

Mr Glass added that he then heard a retreat command from one of his assailants, three of whom were armed with rifles and one with a

Mr Glass's account came on the first day of the trial of James Hughes, 27, and Conor O'Neill 29, both of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, in Northern Ireland, but with an address at Westport, Bally-shannon, Co. Donegal, in the Republic of Ireland.

Both deny attempting to murder Mr Glass. They also deny shooting at him with intent and having firearms with intent. The men opted for trial in Dublin under the 1976 Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act, which allows suspects to be tried in Ulster or in the republic for offences committed in either juridiction.

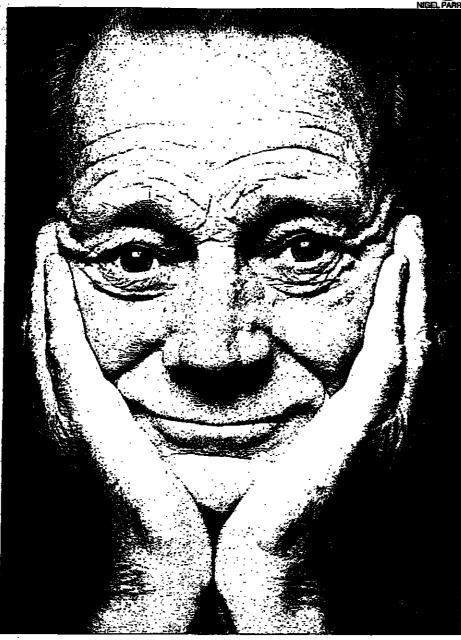
The court was earlier told that the two accused were

arrested by Irish police shortly after the gun battle, when they were found hiding in a ditch in Co. Donegal. Police later found two AK-47 rifles and a revolver nearby.

Mr Glass, who managed to radio for help from his van once the shooting was over, told the court he spent four months in hospital recovering from his wounds and is still using crutches after several operations on one of his legs.

A Catholic mother of two was recovering in hospital in Belfast yesterday after gun-men fixed into her mobile home beside a house she is building with her husband on the outskirts of Lisburn. Co. Antrim. Her husband was hurt, but has been released from hospital. Police think the shooting was sectarian.

Dog warden Scene-stealer of the stage and screen dies aged 70





Thoroughly lived-in and profoundly sympathetic: the changing face of Denholm Elliott; top right, with Ann Todd and Nigel Patrick in *The Sound Barrier*; middle, playing the butler to Eddie Murphy in *Trading Places*; as the working-class intellectual Mr Emerson alongside Richard E. Grant in *Room with a View*

By BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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DENHOLM Elliott, who died yesterday, had one of the most distinctive personalities in British acting. His round, flummoxed face seemed to radiate vulnerability. Even when ironed, his clothes somehow managed to look rumpled. His very hair, straggling and distrait, signalled helplessness. If a director wanted to cast someone as a dog-eared con-man or a shabby-genteel poet. Denholm Elliott would have been his first and best choice.

He was born in London in 1922, studied at Rada, served

in Bomber Command and was a prisoner-of-war in Germany for three years. His early parts on both stage and screen gave little due of the consummate character actor he was to become. In both The Sound Barrier and The an ex-RAF padre. In recent years, though, Elliott abandoned the theatre Cruel Sea he was the quintessential member of the officer class: straight, nice and per-haps a bit dull.

In the 1960s and 1970s the opportunities open to him became more interesting, his range widened and his work deepened. On stage he played Trigorin in *The Seagull*, Vershinin in *The Three Sis*ters and the title-toles in

productions of Strindberg's
The Father and the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of The Return of A.J. Raffles. He even turned up in John Mortimer's Heaven and Hell as the Devil disguised as

for the cinema and television, appearing in movies as different as Raiders of the Lost Ark. Trading Places (where he was an English butler in the Wilfred Hyde-White tradi-tion), and Merchant-Ivory's adaptations of E.M. Forster's novels. In Maurice, he was the bluff family doctor who

THE fiancée of the murdered

British tourist Keith Thomp-

son arrived back in Britain

Chelmsford, Essex, was shot after they demanded his wallet

The Consumers' Associ-

ation said yesterday that trav-

ellers needed more personal.

street-level advice. "No one is

providing that and the people on the spot could be doing so."

and he replied: "No way."

refused to believe in the hero's matched his performance. homosexuality, and in A Room with a View the genial working-class intellectual, Mr Emerson. He had the skill and professionalism to embody disagreeable people, as witness the cynical, snobbish doctor he played in the film A Private Function: but more often his wry good humour and lack of pretension made

themselves felt. He was most at home with characters like the political journalist in Defence of the Realm: seedy, boozy, thoroughly lived-in, and pro-foundly sympathetic. Moreover, no actor could have

When it came to blending warmth and dilapidation. Denholm Elliott was unique. Tribures poured in for Elliott yesterday. The actress Virginia McKenna said: "I feel very, very sad for him and his family and particularly his lovely wife. I had no idea he had Aids. The person I am thinking of more than any-

children." Sir Peter Ustinov said: "He was a wonderful actor and a very good friend on the occasions that life brought us together." The actor Richard

British postman shot by muggers in Florida

Call for holiday advice after US killing

body is his wife. It must be

terrible for her and their two

acting profession. "He was one of the best actors we have ever produced."

Donald Sinden. starred alongside Elliott in The Cruel Sea and regularly drank with Elliott in the Garrick Club, said: "He was one of the last stars who was a real gentleman. It is a very

Glenda Jackson described him as "a wonderful actor and wonderfully wicked to work with - with his anarchic sense of humour".

we left. I will never go back."

An autopsy has been com-

pleted on Mr Thompson's

body and it will be flown home

in a few days.

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Murder case police may be charged

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

ELEVEN South Wales police officers may face criminal charges after investigations into police misconduct and the case of two brothers freed earlier this year by the Court of Appeal after being convicted for killing the manageress of a Swansea sex shop.

Seven officers are suspended and another four are thought to be retired. Yesterday a spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said the last of ten files had been received from Robert Lawrence, the force's chief constable, Barbara Mills QC, the director of public prosecutions, and her staff will decide on any prosecutions in the

next few months. The files were drawn up by detectives from Devon and Cornwall police called in to carry out two investigations. In one, they re-examined the case of Wayne and Paul Darvell, who were given life sentences for the murder of Sandra Phillips. The team later also began investigating allegations involving police notebooks and diaries, which included officers from both South Wales police and Dyfed Powys. Investigations led to the Darvell case being sent back to the Court of Appeal.

During the appeal, the court was told by counsel for the brothers that police evidence had been thoroughly dishonest and built on fraudulently created papers. Notes had not been made contemporaneously, a confession had been refined and redrafted and a notebook supposedly used by one of the officers in June 1985 was not issued until two months later.

At the hearing, which in-cluded an admission from counsel for the DPP that the convictions were no longer safe, the judges were also told that two constables who said they had seen the brothers near the sex shop on the day of the murder were found to be nine miles away at the time. There was also a suspicion that someone may have planted an earring similar to those worn by the dead woman in a

police car in which Wayne Darvell travelled At least half a dozen officers

have been internally disciplined by the South Wales police and some have been fined. Others are awaiting hearings. Three of the seven suspended officers were linked to the Darvell case and the others to the notebook case.

Yesterday Mr Lawrence, the chief constable, said a DPP decision on prosecutions in the Darvell case was not expected for some time.

☐ A BBC Wales reconstruc-

tion of the M50 murder case in which Marie Wilkes, aged 22 and seven months pregnant, was killed after her car broke down on the motorway is to be studied by Greater Manchester police re-examining the conviction of Eddie Browning for the murder. Browning a night club bouncer from Mid-Glamor-gan, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1989, but the programme on regional television last night produced a witness at the murder scene whose evidence ruled out Browning. The witness was never introduced at the trial.



Rachel and Philip Still on their wedding day

Police on alert after woman goes missing

FEARS were growing yesterday for a woman who disap-peared after meeting her estranged husband.

Police said a male friend of Rachel Still, 23, heard her husband threaten her during an early morning telephone call. She had been living with the friend in Wilmslow. Cheshire, since her marriage broke up three weeks ago. She

agreed to meet her husband Philip, 28. in Chester on Saturday and phoned her friend that night to say they were talking and she was safe and well.

ond call was made to the friend at 1.30am on Sunday and he spoke to Rachel and

live to fight another day."

Police said yesterday a secher husband. Nothing has been heard of the couple since. In cases where people were on fly-drive holidays, like Mr

a spokesman said.
The Foreign Office said it had no specific advice to offer travellers to America. A spokesman said the killing was an isolated incident. "It's not something you can plan for. We would advise people to

The Association of British Travel Agents circulates Foreign Office warnings to its members. "Our advice from the Foreign Office is that the US is not an unsafe place to travel." a spokesman said.

Thompson, they tended not to be in contact with holiday company representatives. "We advise people when picking up cars to ask the rep which

from Florida yesterday as criti-cism was levelled at the failure to warn holidaymakers of the places are dangerous."

In her statement to Orange dangers they can face abroad. Ann Sole, who saw muggers County police, Miss Sole said kill Mr Thompson in a hotel they were approached by two car park, flew home on a men. One produced a gun Virgin flight from Orlando. In and demanded money and a statement to the US police another ripped a money belt she had said that Mr Thompfrom Allan Robinson-Thorley, who was travelling with them. son, 42, a postman from

"I heard them tell Keith to hand over his wallet," Miss Sole said. "He replied, 'No way,' and the man opened fire. Keith wasn't given a

A reward has been posted and police said large teams of detectives were working on the case. Deputy Sheriff Carlos Padilla said yesterday: "I can assure you there will be an

Amanda Cadder, 29. a psy-chiatric nurse from Swindon, Wiltshire, saw the shooting as she returned from a trip to Disney World and ran to try to help Mr Thompson, who had driven into the car park just ahead of her. "If my husband had not stopped to let him through it could have been

She added that holidaymakers should be warned about violence and the lack of polic-

Isn't his **future** worth

ing in Orlando. "On our first

day there was a mugging. A

few days later two girls were

grabbed from the street and

raped. Then we were witnesses

to this murder the night before

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Payment wrangle deprives children of therapy

By Alison Roberts

THIRTY physically handicapped children are being denied therapy at their special school in south-west London because of a dispute over who should pay the bill and how it should be paid.

The children, many of whom are blind, have a legal entitlement to speech therapy and physiotherapy, but have not received treatment for as much as two years because of a bureaucratic wrangle between the local health authority and the local education authority in Wandsworth. Both authorities say that they cannot afford to pay for the therapy by

Tony Hudson, headmaster of the school, Linden Lodge, at Putney, said that its governors had made repeated pleas for therapy to be provided.

the children's education is that much retarded," he said.

Paul Ennals, director of education at the Royal National Institute for the Blind, said that since introduction of local financial management, such situations had been occurring across the country and many children were missing out on therapy.

The 30 pupils, who come from

throughout southeast England, have been given "statements" of special educational needs by the local education authority (LEA) responsible for their home area. The LEAs have a legal duty to provide the specialist treatment contained in the "statement". However, speech therapy and physiotherapy are classed as non-

educational needs. Wandsworth LEA, which funds Linden Lodge and claws back money

health authority should be held responsible for the "health" therapies. Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton health authority, which covers Linden Lodge, says that it cannot afford it. A spokesman complained that Wandsworth LEA had not put meetings to resolve the

problem "at the top of their agenda". Mr Ennals said: "The solution is for the LEA to pay for the services needed and then to invoice the sponsoring authorities. But the system creates a bureaucratic nightmare. It is a scandal that children are not getting the therapy they need and it is one that the government should look at during the course of current

The inaction has angered those with children at Linden Lodge, such

"Each day without therapy means from LEAs covering the children's as Maggie Carpenter, whose daughthe children's education is that much home addresses, argues that the ter, Rosa, 11, has partial paralysis and only partial sight, and needs constant physiotherapy to straighten her foot. Unless it is provided to help Rosa get over recent surgery, another operation will be needed. Mrs Carpenter said: "She has had

2in staples put in from her ankle to her heel and in other bones in her foot and if she does not get physiotherapy it will cause her a lot of trouble. We can stay in Brent, where we live, and get physiotherapy, but then she misses out on education at the school."

The parents feel as though they are being bounced from one authority to another, Mrs Carpenter said.

Mr Hudson said that some pupils were due to leave the school soon without having had necessary







Caught in the crossfire: John Major appears to offer up a silent prayer for unity as Kenneth Baker, left, put himself at the head of the Conservative Euro-sceptics, while Douglas Hurd, right, tried to calm conference tempers

Noisy debate underlines deep party divisions on Maastricht

Tebbit cheered as he scolds Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

LORD Tebbit hijacked the Conservative conference yesterday with a speech in which he blamed John Major for entering the exchange-rate mechanism and told him to stand by Norman Lamont, his embattled Chancellor.

Lord Tebbit called on the prime minister to negotiate a new Maastricht treaty that had no mention of economic and monetary union or extra power for Brussels.

His name was cheered when it was announced that he was to be called to the rostrum and representatives stood to applaud as he walked forward. When he had finished speaking he walked into the body of the hall, waving his arms to prolonged

Throughout a speech in which he had declared that the government was in desperate trouble, a grim-faced Lord Tebbit offered only qualified support for the prime minister, a man he once regarded as

his protégé. The days when Lord Tebbit was a regular caller at 10 Downing Street, offering succour and advice and keeping open Mr Major's lines to the right of the party, are long gone. Europe has put paid to all that and Lord Tebbit believes that the prime minister has betrayed the people who put him in power. But that cannot account fully for the sheer venom behind Lord Tebbit's theatrical repudiation of the prime minister.

The former cabinet minister has never been slow to take offence and Mr Major made a grave mistake with what was intended as a light-hearted put-down in the Commons debate on the pound's exit from the ERM. The joke about Norman "biting your ankles even when he is not walking up your pathway" backfired spectacularly yesterday, as the man described by Michael Foot as a "semi house-trained polecat" beat a

path to the rostrum. After congratulating Mr Major on his election victory, he said he would support him whenever and wherever you pursue policies to restore our economy, preserve our rights in these isles to manage our affairs for ourselves, in our interests". Lord Tebbit said that the last time he spoke at conference was after "an equally magnificent victory

won by Margaret Thatcher". Alluding to his wife Margaret, paralysed in the Brighton bombing in 1984, he said: "In 1987 I believed that my work in politics was done and for reasons which you will understand, I could decently retire to care for my family. I intended

EUROPE never to speak at conference again. But speak today I must. The government is in desper-

With a stony-faced Mr Major looking on, Lord Tebbit said that staunch Tory newspapers were calling for the signation of Mr Lamont, to follow that of David Mellor as

heritage secretary.

"The bolder of the black carrion crows of politics have feasted on the political corpse of one minister, and they are looking for a bigger meal. They want to bring down the Chancellor and thereby to undermine the prime minister himself. These are difficult days, when The Daily Telegraph writes in that vein."

Lord Tebbit turned dramatically to Mr Major and said: "I hope you will stand by your Chancellor - it was not Norman Lamont's decision to enter the ERM. He did his best to make the unworkable work. The cost in lost jobs, bankrupt firms, repossessed homes, in the terrible wounds inflicted on industry, has been savage." Sarcastically he added: "But we have established our credentials as good Europeans! Now out of the deutschmark straitjacket, we can pursue policies which are, the Chancellor's own

words, in our national interest. Not before time!" Lord Tebbit declared, to loud cheers. Since Maastricht "a great tide of opinion has begun to flow against the federalists, not just here but in Denmark, and in

France and in Germany, too". There were cheers from all quarters when he said: "This conference wants policies for Britain first, Britain second. and Britain third. Politics, like charity, begins at home."

Rousing the representatives to fever pitch, Lord Tebbit challenged them on whether they wanted to be citizens of a European union, to see a single currency and to have

other countries interfering in Britain's immigration controls. To each question they shouted: "No!" Lord Tebbit said that Chan-

cellor Kohl and President Mitterrand "no longer speak for Europe". He urged: "John Major can raise the flags of patriots of all the states of for Maastricht II - a treaty with no mention of more power for Brussels, no mention of economic, monetary and political union. It's a task in which I stand ready to join John Major whenever he is



more than a minute as Lord Tebbit stood among them on the conference floor. Ministers on the platform, including the prime minister, looked on expressionless as the representatives continued to applaud. Lord Tebbit eventually waved

Mr Major had dismissed his last eruption as "froth and bubble". Yesterday, the right's most dangerous volcano poured forth molten lava.

his hands to call for calm and

Lord Tebbit later denied that he had helped to turn the knife in his already beleaguered party. "Not at all. I have offered a hand of friendship," he said in an interview with BBC television news last night. Lord Tebbit branded the vote on the Maastricht treaty "a joke". He said that the job of the prime minister was to do what the people of what leaders of other countries

Asked if he would rather see his party out of power than in Maastricht Europe, Lord Tebbit said: "The party will stay in power so long as the economy is successful."

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Ministers ride out

Clarke: attempting to redress the balance

Clarke comes to defence of treaty

By Sheila Gunn, Ray Clancy AND NICHOLAS WOOD

AS THE conference fringe echoed to the sound of ministers past and present settling old scores, Kenneth Clarke, who replaced Kenneth Baker as home secretary after the election, said that Margaret Thatcher and Nicholas Ridley were the only two who had fought against ERM entry. Mr Baker told his fringe

meeting that Britain was well out of the ERM", condemned the government for the "lack of a coherent eco-

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1980s'-style monetary targets and public spending cuts. Mr Clarke said Mr Baker

had "never expressed the slightest doubt about what he

to Denmark's rejection of Maastricht had wrongly believed that Maastricht would lead to greater centralisation.
At a hunchtime fringe of the Selsdon, Group, Lord Tebbit accused John Major's govern-ment of resorting to "the crudest form of bullying"

Maastricht treaty. Mocking the treaty he said: "If it looks like a duck, if it walks like a duck, if it quacks like a duck, then in all probability it is a duck." Later Paul Oakley, from Shrewsbury Young Conserva-tives, publicly set fire to an EC

however. Senior ministers

close to John Major never

nomic policy" and called for an immediate 1 per cent cut in interest rates with a target of 6 per cent within months. He said the pound should be floated indefinitely and that inflation should be kept in check by a combination of

regarded as a successful negotiation". At a separate fringe meeting last night Mr Clarke tried to redress the balance by strongly defending the treaty as "the most Conservative step" by the Community in 20 The 50,000 voters who led

similar. against the Danes over the

more or less intact

their sense of furility, steeling themselves to fight a battle that they know, for all their strong words, they will lose. Even the calls yesterday for a referendum were largely a The conversion of Kenneth Baker to the anti-

Maastricht cause guarantees him prominence in the coming battles as the most eminent of those still in the Commons opposed to the treaty. But Mr Baker's new allies are wary of his sudden shift, and his former cabiner colleagues are openly contemptuous in view of his effusive support for the

conference storm

The Europe debate was electric, passionate and noisy, but probably in itself of little long-term significance. In a singularly vicious presence of loyalty, Norman Tebbit touched the hearts of a sizeable minority of party workers. But at the end of the workers. But at the end of the day, Douglas Hurd won the minds, and votes, of a majority.
Lord Tebbit's performance was memorable.

Rarely has a former party chairman and cabinet minister turned on his former colleagues with such brutality. He said, almost in passing, that the government was in "desperate trouble." Every pledge of support was accompanied by the spletto, to the evident fury of the platform. Whenever Lord Tebbit roused the conference he made John Major look ineffective and helpless. But by slipping into demagoguery and pandering to the the rostrum, as if he was a challenger and leader in waiting. Lord Tebbit has forfeited any real influence.

The self-proclaimed man of

the people is now just an

ermined outsider. The debate was by far the most bitter seen at a Tory conference for many years, certainly since the arguments of the wets and drys in the early 1980s, and the divisions over Rhodesian sanctions of the 1970s. The jeering was reminiscent of the heckling of Harold Macmillan by the Empire Loyalists in the late 1950s. Whenever the face of a prominent pro-European like Sir Edward Heath or Michael Heseltine appeared on the conference television monitors, there was loud booing. However, the liveliness of yesterday, when op-posing views were fully aired, contrasts with the blandness of last week's Labour confer-

M r Hurd jokingly com-pared his task yesterday with his time as home secretary when he had to face the annual law and order debate at the Tory conference. Europe has almost replaced hanging as the issue which raises the passions and the blood pressure of Tory representatives. And the result is likely to be

ence debate on Europe.

Just as there has never been any serious possibility for 20 years that capital punishment will be restored, so the government's Maastricht strategy survived yes-terday, battered but still

Talking to the leading Euro-sceptics, I was struck by

RIDDELL IN BLACKPOOL

Major/Hurd Maastricht last December. But Mr Hurd faced up to the challenge. He struck home with his explicit warning that the party could break itself over Europe, as it had done over the Com Laws and tariff reform, when it shut itself out of power for ten years in each case. The Tory tribe may be restless but it understands the risk that continued divisions could mean a loss of

Mr Hurd's core case was that Britain had won important concessions at Maastricht; "now is not the time to kick over the table". He directly took on Lord Tebbit over the definition of British interests: "We don't want RUMBLE OF OR THE 25 when the security and prosperity of Europe are being decided." The opponents of Maastricht had no alternative strategy to offer

However, yesterday's de-base was obviously a warning to Mr Major. The party remains deenly divided over Europe and the wounds will not heal easily or quickly. If the treaty fails to be ratified by Parliament, then Mr Major and Mr Hurd will also fail. But the chances are still high that the treaty will be ratified, even if does require Labour and Liberal Democrat votes.

This is not, however, the first time the Tories have been split on Europe. They have been divided on the issue ever since the initial application to join by the EC 30 years ago. And a similarly sized group of Tory dissiderits opposed the original legislation on entry to the EC in 1971-2.

Mr Major's own personal position remains secure; he did, after all, lead the party to a general election victory only six months ago. And his Euro-sceptic critics have no incentive to oust him since likely successors in Downing Street, such as Kenneth Clarke and Mr Heseltine, are even more on the pro-EC wing of the party.

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esterday's protest was Y about much more than the Maastricht treaty. It concerned the recession and the whole direction of the party and the government since the ousting nearly two years ago of Baroness Thatcher. whose name was loudly cheered at each mention. Lord Tebbit's challenge may soon fade but the worries he articulated will not disappear so quickly.
There is evident unease at

the confusion and uncertainty since sterling was forced out of the exchange rate mechanism on September 16. MPs and representatives alike are worried about the appearance of drift. The government's real difficulty is the lack of a coherent economic strategy. Yesterday's debate over Europe was a lightning rod for these frustrations and a prehide to equally searching tests for Norman Lamont tomorrow and Mr Major on Friday.

Party told to 'give madness a miss'

BY RAY CLANCY AND ROBERT MORGAN

DOUGLAS Hurd warned the

Conservatives not to tear themselves apart over Europe. "Let us decide to give that madness a miss," the foreign secretary said.

Although a show of hands indicated firm support for government policy, many representatives voted against the platform. At the end of a noisy and hard-hitting debate, punctutated with booing and hissing as well as cheers, plus the odd expletive, Mr Hurd deployed all his diplomatic skills to calm the passions.

"There is a great deal more common ground on Europe than most people would sup-pose," he said. "We reject a centralised Europe. We reject the idea of a conveyor belt carrying us to a single executive and a single parliament. We want a wider Community. We want to roll back bureaucracy and unnecessary inter-ference from Brussels."

The Maastricht treaty, Mr Hurd said, enshrined the principle of minimum inter-ference. For the first time in 35

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years the Community had agreed a signpost away from Mr Hurd who, with the prime minister, is to conclude a hectic round of visits this

week to EC capitals to garner support for proposals Britain will put forward at the Birmingham summit to revive the Community, asked the conference to consider what would happen if the govern-ment dropped its plans to ratify the treaty. "We would in effect be asking our prime minister to say to his colleagues in Europe: remember that treaty we agreed? ... The one which your press as well as ours hailed as a success for Britain ... We are going to tear

As representatives shouted: Give as a referendum," Mr Hurd continued: "How could the prime minister expect to carry weight or conviction ests were served not by thereafter? To hissing and jeering he added: "We don't but by being at the heart of it.

want - and this, Norman Tebbit, is a British interest -Britain to be on the sidelines when the security and prosperity of Europe are being

The divisions among the representatives were apparent even before the debate opened, when booing as well as cheers greeted the appearance on the platform of Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, who took Britain to the European Com-

munity in 1973. Nicholas Gibbon (London South Inner Euro-constituency), said that since 1979 the Conservative government had been determined to return as much power as possible to the people. Now that this principle was enshrined in the Maastricht treaty for the first time, it was extraordinary that critics should describe it as a move towards a super-state. Mark Bishop (Cambridgeshire), said Britain's best inter-

Maastricht represented a profound change in the develop-ment of the Community because the principle of subsidiarity had now been written into the heart of

Bernard Juby (Birming-ham. Yardley), was loudly cheered when he came out firmly against Maastricht. He said: "King Maastricht is dead. The Danes saw to that. Long live King Birmingham. We must tackle the fears of millions of people throughout the Community." Edward Giles (Wight and Hampshire East Euro-constituency), was greeted with cheers as well as shouts of "rubbish" when he said the government was right to go for early ratification of

Steven Conway (Wyre Forest), said that for 500 years or more British men and women had been fighting for sovereignty, democracy and freedom. Some had paid the ultimate price. "Is their sacri-fice to be wiped out at the stroke of a pen?"

Baker returns from exile to find a new starring role

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Baker chose a cinema yesterday to make his comeback to the political stage. The Brighton Odeon was an appropriate setting for a man who never dodged the limelight in his 11 years in government. It also gave him the chance to slip the knife into

some old friends. He began by reminding his audience of what they were missing: Fatal Attraction -

Sir Geoffrey Howe's love affair with the ERM; Basic Instinct Norman Lamont's refusal to resign; A League of their Own - Thatcher, Ridley and Parkinson.

For the first time in six months, the former home secretary, who left the cabinet after the election, was enjoying himself as he set out the reasons why he would vote

Mr Baker was a late convert to Thatcherism. A restless and ambitious figure, he was fated never to stay in the same place

1980s as the question of the succession to Mrs Thatcher came to dominate Westminster gossip, Mr Baker was being mentioned as a possible future leader. As his own star waned amid

the shadows that gathered around Mrs Thatcher's last

forgave him. After a brief and unhappy spell as home secre-tary, he surprised no one by for very long.

Despite this, by the late leaving the government after Mr Major's victory earlier this

Yesterday, Mr Baker openly applied for the vacancy as leader of the Tory European dissidents on the back benches. As the only former cabinet minister of any weight in the Commons, the job would days, he stayed loyal to the last. appear to be his for the asking.

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Town halls are told to curb spending

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ROBERT MORGAN

LOCAL authorities will have to tighten their belts next year, John Redwood, the local government minister, said yesterday in a further sign of the severity of the public spending

Brushing aside demands from the constituencies for more money to ease the introduction of the council tax, Mr Redwood urged councils to intensify their efforts to secure greater value for money.

Savings from contracting out services to the private sector could help to offset the spending squeeze, he said. Average council spending of £2,000 an adult left plenty of

room for economies.
"Many of you in local



government have told me that your permitted spending levels are too low and the capping limits are unrealistic," he said. "Next year is not going to be easy financially.

It's a year when the Conservative virtues of efficiency and better value for money will be much needed. I know you will support me in deliver-

Rank and file unease about the replacement of the poli tax with the council tax in April surfaced repeatedly during the local government debate. Eric Ollerenshaw, of Hackney and

£1bn civil service tasks to be open for bidding

By Sheila Gunn and Ray Clancy

PRIVATE firms will be allowed to bid for tens of thousands of civil servants jobs as part of a Whitehall "revolution", William Waldegrave, the public service minister, disclosed yesterday.

He is to open to market competition work worth more than El billion, including secretarial, accounting and legal services, to see whether private operators can do it more cheaply. The initiative to privatise more central government jobs follows the opening of similar local government services to private operators. Mr Waldegrave will also

publish a citizen's charter white paper within the next month setting tougher stan-dards for public service.

Mr Waldegrave, speaking at the Conservative conference, said: "We cannot ever be complacent about how we are serving the public. All over Whitehall we are testing our own services to see whether the private sector could do them better. Sometimes it can, sometimes it can't. We need to know. This year, over a billion pounds' worth of services will

WHITEHALL

be market-tested as opposed to £25 million this year. Many contracts could be won by in-house teams if they

matched offers from private firms, Mr Waldegrave said. In a largely low-key debate on the citizen's charter, Mark Francois, a councillor from Basildon, roused activists by insisting that the Union Jack would fly again over the Labour strongholds of Newham, Lambeth, Islington, Camden and Southwark, when the Tories took control. He punched the air, glorying in the Tories winning Basildon council for the first time in 21 years, and described how its budget had been cut by £5

million in three months. The only speaker against the motion, Kay Twitchen, an Essex county councillor, said that it failed to address the growing problem of banks and building societies giving unsecured credit to young people. Ministers should "get tough with financial institutions", she said.

Stoke Newington, said that it COUNCIL was important not to repeat TAX

the mistakes made with the introduction of the commun-We have to get local gov-

ernment finances right." he said. "We must not allow local authorities to cover massive increases in spending while this tax is introduced.

Elgar Jenkins, from Bath. said that the community charge had been unpopular because central government had provided insufficient money to keep bills at a reasonable level.

There had to be sufficient money this time so that people were not suddenly faced with huge upsurges in their person-

Mr Redwood said later that penalised by the switch from the poll tax to the property-based council tax would be an important feature of the new system. "There will be a pledge about limiting the increase in bills in the year of introduction and probably beyond.

One of the biggest cheers of the debate went to Andrew Boff, leader of Hillingdon council in west London, who confessed to a personal liking for the poll tax.

Mr Boff reminded Conservarive councillors that they had pressed for a local tax system that took into account ability to pay, was easy to collect and had the accountability of the community charge without the headaches. The government had provided it, he said.

You want this system to be sold to the electorate on the doorstep. You do it yourself," Mr Boff said.

Mr Redwood delighted representatives by promising them that the review of the structure of local government would lead to the restoration of historic county boundaries where that was the wish of local people.

"Somerset, Herefordshire, Rutland, the Ridings of Yorkshire - if you want your past to become your future, say so and your wish can be granted."



Cut off: Robert Key, junior heritage minister, contemplates a once-glorious institution with an uncertain future ... Brighton pier

Tories face hostile, run-down host town

ORIES came into direct A conflict with their Brighton hosts yesterday as John Major was accused of bringing new levels of homelessness and poverty to the seaside resort.

The party's first visit to the town under Mr Major made an inauspicious start when Gill Sweeting, Brighton's Labour mayor, took the unprecedented step of using her welcoming speech to condemn government policy.

Inviting ministers to tour

Brighton's homes, hostels and advice centres, she warned them: "You will not see a nation at ease with itself, nor will you see the classless society which the prime minister has said he wishes to "You do have the power to

help reduce the fear of unemployment and the horrors of mortgage repossessions and homelessness. Please use it."
Mrs Sweeting's complaints, received with hoos and hisses

by Tory members, were

matched by harsh criticism

its guests for its misfortunes, write Arthur Leathley and Ray Clancy

Once-prosperous Brighton blames

from the town's Evening Argus newspaper, which has launched a conference week crusade to highlight the problems of the once prosperous

The newspaper has bitterly condemned the contrast between the opulence of the hotel in which leading Tories are staying and the boardedup shops, run-down streets and homelessness of the surrounding area. A front-page editorial proclaimed: "Brighton. Hove and Hastings are now experiencing the sort of deprivation and social upheaval once found only in the land of closed coalpits and

empty cotton mills." Churchill Square, a faded 1960s shopping precinct within 400 yards of the conference centre, is a depressing contrast to the celebrated

seafront elegance. More than 20 shops are boarded up and retailers and shoppers see little likelihood

In five years. John Garnsey

improvement.

has seen his Slims healthfood restaurant slip from being a prosperous business to be-coming worthless. Then it was worth about £80,000. Now people would laugh if I tried to give it away," he said. ike several other business-Lmen, however, he apportions much blame to the lack of council spending, poor car parking and the movement of large supermarkets to out-of-

town locations. A manager of a leading national retailer said: "It would be foolish to say this is all down to the government. We are having a tough time because of the

helped by the lack of effort in promoting the town."
In the midst of attacks from outside, Tory activists were also concentrating their atten-

tion on John Major, relying on him to deliver a leader's speech of Thatcheresque power and authority to calm party nerves and raise morale. Rank and file members showed unusual trepidation yesterday as many admitted they were looking almost ex-

and Norman Lamont to re-store battered confidence through rousing addresses. Although members express total confidence in Mr Major's leadership, there is widespread concern that he has not taken a sufficiently positive stand in controlling dis-

clusively to the prime minister

senters within the party. "John Major and Norman Lamont are very much on trial. It is absolutely vital that they show very firm leadership. They can't fudge the issues," said Richard Booth. from Morley and Leeds

Shephard is worried

GILLIAN Shephard, the employment secretary, admitted tremely concerned" at Britain's rising unemployment (Julia Llewellyn Smith writes). She promised to highlight

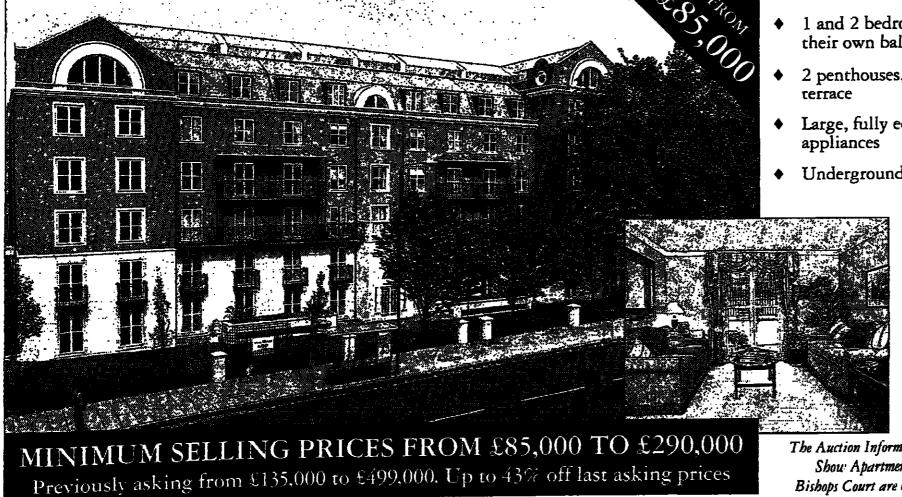
unemployment in her speech to the conference this week and said the thousands of redundancies announced over the past two weeks had been "devastating" for those affected. She refused to deny speciilation that she will abolish wage councils, which set minimum pay rates for 2.5 million

Mrs Shephard was speaking at the launch of a European-wide public service broadcast giving advice_on finding work in the EC. The initiative, to help the EC's 16 million unemployed, will be broadcast in 12 European countries. Radio One is sponsoring 100 telephone lines. manned by 600 employment and training specialists, to give tree careers advice.



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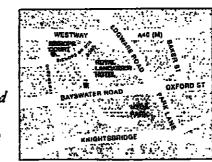
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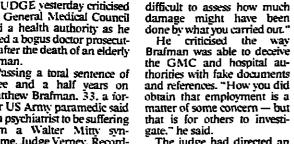
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Judge attacks GMC over bogus doctor cleared of killing

By TIM JONES

A JUDGE vesterday criticised the General Medical Council and a health authority as he jailed a bogus doctor prosecuted after the death of an elderly

Passing a total sentence of three and a half years on Manhew Brafman, 33, a former US Army paramedic said by a psychiatrist to be suffering from a Walter Mitty syndrome, Judge Verney, Recorder of London, said: "It is



The judge had directed an Old Bailey jury to return a not





Impostor: Brafman treated Jessie Harris, right

Checks that failed to uncover a fraud

By TIM JONES

WHEN he was finally exposed as a sham. Matthew Brafman expressed amazement that he had ever been accepted as a doctor when a single telephone call could have exposed him.

Barking. Havering and Brentwood health authority said vesterday that it took persistent enquiries by them to the General Medical Council to confirm suspicions that he was not a qualified doctor.

In order to get his job as a senior house officer at St George's Hospital, Brafman. who was dyslexic and could not spell, was helped by his wife in forging qualification certificates from a non-existent medical school in Alabama using forms available at any US newsagent

The former US army paramedic obtained his registration by posting a notarised

photocopy of a forged medical degree, even though General Medical Council regulations say applicants should produce original documents only. The council required no proof of identity other than a signed statement that the facts were

Brafman aroused suspicion within two days of starting work in the accident and emergency department of Oldchurch Hospital. Romford, but when staff contacted the council's overseas registration department to ask for urgent checks they were told: Everything is is order. He can carry on."

While serving at an army hospital in Alabama, Brafman forged four references, none of which were checked by the

Police who investigated the case claimed that the council had "failed miserably" to pro-

guilty verdict on a manslaugh ter charge that the American had denied. After legal submissions at the end of the prosecution case, the judge said that doctors called by the Crown disagreed on why Jessie Harris, 78, died.

The prosecution had said that Brafman tricked his way into getting a job at St George's Hospital at Hornchurch. Essex, and allegedly killed Mrs Harris through lack of care while duty doctor at the hospital. Her body was cremated, making it impossible to determine the cause of Professor Brian Livesley, a

geriatric expert, had said that an insulin injection ordered by Brafman without examining Mrs Harris was "as certain a cause of death as if a knife had Brafman's superior disagreed. Another doctor thought insulin was inappropriate but irrel evant to the cause of death and vet another thought that she

Judge Verney said: "There remains a vast area of doubt in this case, and it remains wrong in my judgment for the case to go ahead."

had died of septicaemia.

Brafman. of Ilford. east London, was jailed for charges he admitted in the absence of the jury of using false medical registration documents, gaining pecuniary advantage by posing as a doctor and making a false death certificate for Mrs Harris

His wife Alison, 30, was placed on probation for two years for aiding and abetting him in forging the documents. The couple kissed in the dock before Brafman was led to the

Brian Barker. QC, for the prosecution. had said that Mrs Harris, admitted after a fall at her home. "should have left hospital alive, well and recovered after a few days' treatment"

Mr Barker said that Brafman was "bogus, he was a sham, he was an impostor masquerading as a qualified doctor. He liked to walk through the hospital in green operating theatre kit, even though the hospital did not have a theatre.



Top woman: Lesley Woodward, 35, a nurse from Hessle, Humberside, shown with her daughter Sarah, 5, received Good Housekeeping magazine's Woman of the Nineties award in London yesterday. She works with breast cancer patients for Hull bealth authority

Teachers anger Muslims by opposing school grants

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MUSLIM leaders said yesterday that they were amazed and upset by the opposition of Britain's second largest teaching union to government plans to give state funding to Muslim education.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers has warned John Patten, the education secretary, that the proposal is a recipe for religious strife that could destabilise local com-

It said in its response to the white paper on education that the invitation to community groups to set up grant-maintained voluntary schools threatened to upset "the delicate and historic compromise that was reached over religious schools in 1944".

The white paper's proposal

has been widely interpreted as a relaxation of the government's opposition to Muslim schools in the wake of concert-

groups.

Mr Patten was instructed by the courts in May to reconsider an application by a private Muslim school in Brent, north London, to become state funded. Similar applications from fee-paying Islamic schools to the education department are now expected.

ed lobbying by Islamic

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said that the white paper's proposal was potentially dangerous and totally unnecessary.

"When Catholic, Church of England and Jewish communities have their voluntary aided schools, it is obviously difficult, if not impossible, to resist the demands of other religious groups. However, we have to recognise that developments in this area could generate enormous pressures upon society." he said.

Ghulam Sarwar, director of the Muslim Educational Trust, said that the union's objections were extraordinary. We think the white paper is making a positive proposal, extending the right of other

communities to set up grantmaintained schools and we do not subscribe to the union's view. They don't want to see other communities availing themselves of this right," he

There were unlikely to be many Islamic grant-maintained schools, given that only 22 private Muslim schools had been set up in England.

The Muslim "parliament", which has threatened a campaign of civil disobedience to force state funding of Muslim schools, said the union had illustrated the deep-seated animosity that existed towards

"We would have expected teachers to have been understanding because they are the ones who deal with the children all the time," a spokesman

The union's submission to the white paper consultation, to be launched today at a Conservative party conference fringe meeting, also said that schools opting out of council control to gain more auto-nomy had been misled by the government, which was now planning a new centralised bureaucracy. The proposal that local authorities co-operated with the new national funding agency for schools was "bizarre and beyond belief", it said.

Libraries at the former poly-



De Gruchy: danger of pressures on society

£23 per student in 1990 compared with £44 by universities, according to a survey by the Council of Academic and Professional Publishers. Spending ranged from £12.59 at Birmingham Polytechnic, now the University of Central England, to £96.81 at Oxford University and £98.25 at the London Business School

Book expenditure per student fell by 32 per cent at traditional universities between 1978 and 1990 and by 56 per cent at the former polytechnics. Expenditure on periodicals also fell dramatically, by 36 per cent at the traditional universities and by nearly 51 per cent in the old

Fiennes wraps up for a long walk

Legal aid 'franchise' mooted for solicitors

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PLANS are being drawn up for a radical overhaul of the legal aid scheme under which solicitors would, like budgetholding GPs. undertake legal aid work on contracts under strict quality controls and with pay incentives.

The proposals by the Legal Aid Board will be put to the Law Society this week. They envisage all legal aid work. including criminal legal aidand the duty solicitor schemes. being brought under strict quality controls. In return solicitors will have greater freedom to operate legal aid budgets and be paid more quickly. There might also be different levels of reward to ance with the quality controls.

As in doctors' practices, the board also envisages block funding of legal aid work where firms process a large volume of cases, with control based on audit principles. The proposals go much further than a pilot scheme in Birmingham, where quality controls operated by the Legal Aid Board only apply to monitoring firms work as it goes through the legal aid area offices. Now the board is devising ways of monitoring solicitors' work in their offices.

The Lord Chancellor, who will be asked to approve the proposals after details have been hammered out with the Law Society, endorses the principle of contracting out.

At a time when the profession is already locked in a dispute with the Lord Chancellor's Department over a new scheme of fixed fees for legal aid work in magistrates' courts, the franchising proposals are certain to provide the basis for a new dispute between the profession and the

poles overland. His compan-

ions on that expedition. Mr Burton and Oliver Shepard,

are the organisers of the latest

expedition, with Sir Vivian

Fuchs, who led the first cross-

ing of the Antarctic in the

British Antarctic Survey as a medical officer in 1989 and

was one of a team that

wintered in Antarctica. He is

Dr Stroud, 37, joined the

1950s, as adviser.

NEWS IN BRIEF Rusting 'eyesore' is listed

A rusting "eyesore" was listed as a national monument by civil servants yesterday because, they said, the 110-year-old gas-holder in Cardiff bears the hallmarks of the fifteenth-century architect Filippo Brunelleschi, designer of the domes of Florence.

British Gas said it was surprised by the decision and added that it would cost £400.000 to repair the 150fthigh derelict gasometer.

Residents said it spoilt the view of the Bristol Channel from Grangetown. Huw Parry. 36. a shopkeeper, said: "It is incredibly ugly, neither use nor ornament." Peter Perkins. leader of South Glamorgan council, said the gasometer. should be demolished because it was deterring potential investors in the area and driving

Murder hunt

A murder hunt was launched after a man was found battered to death in Sherwood Forest. Nottinghamshire. Kevin Coniam. 36, unemployed, of Church Warsop; Nottinghamshire, was sfirmped on the rear seat of his Volvo near the A6075 between Mansfield and Edwin-

Reward offer

A reward of more than £10,000 has been offered for information leading to the conviction of thieves who stole £10 million of antiques from Houghton Hall near King's Lynn, Norfolk, the loss adjust ers announced. The property must also be returned in good condition.

Lakes decision

The Lake District special planning board rejected an application by British Nuclear Fuels Limited for a borehole at Gosforth in the national park in connection with a proposed underground nuclear repository at Sellafield, Cumbria.

Rail vandals

A train travelling at 70mph struck concrete slabs left by vandals on the Northampton to Euston line at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Nobody was injured and the train was undamaged.

Arms amnesty

Three hand grenades were among 476 weapons handed in at police stations during a weapons amnesty in Greater Manchester. Two dated from the second world war and one was a modern Eastern European grenade.

River enquiry The National Rivers Authority

launched an investigation after hundreds of fishermen complained of raw sewage in the River Kenner, near the mouth of Foundry Brook. Reading, Berkshire.

Thief repents

A thief who stole a cherub from a National Trust building in York 20 years ago. when he was a boy, has returned it with an anonymous letter of apology. Nobody at the Treasurer's House knew that the figure, taken from a wall clock, was missing.

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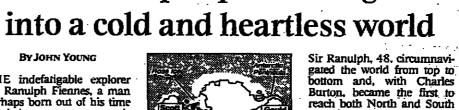


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By JOHN YOUNG

THE indefatigable explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, a man perhaps born out of his time but heir to a great eccentric tradition, yesterday an-nounced his latest venture, an unsupported crossing of the Antarctic. He and Dr Michael Stroud,

another polar traveller, will leave Gould Bay early next month to walk 2.200 miles across the most hostile terrain on earth. They aim to complete the journey to Scott Base in about 100 days without dogs or air or ground support.

The expedition is sponsored by the Pentland Group, which has paid £134,000 to transport the men to Antarctica and is providing food and equipment. The men hope to raise more than £2 million from commercial and individual sponsors for the Multiple Scle-

Besides aiming for a new achievement, they will act as guinea-pigs for physiological research into resistance to stress, extreme cold and starvation. Among the obstacles



they face are about 400 miles of moving ice shelf that can fracture without warning, bliz-120mph, mountain ranges and treacherous crevices as

From the top of the ice corridor, across the plateau to the South Pole, the pair will encounter temperatures as low as 45C (49F). They can expect to suffer frostbite, blisters that can quickly turn to ulcers, sun blindness and hypoglycaemia. Each man can expect to lose up to 30lb

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zards gusting to more than deep as 200ft. Each man will have to drag 400lb of equipment at up to 10,000ft above sea level.

"The boat will be there at 6am during the fourney on February 27 and will not

head of applied physiology at the Army Personnel Research Establishment The expedition's link with the outside world will be Morag Howell, from Mint-law, Grampian, who will maintain 24-hour radio contact from a tent 500 miles from the pole. The time limit for completing the expedition is 108 days. "Otherwise there is no way off the continent." Sir Ranulph said with a grin.

be there at 8am."

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Yeltsin turns military screws on Georgia as rebels sweep forward

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

GEORGIA suffered a defeat yesterday as separatist rebels sent its forces fleeing from their last remaining strong-holds in the far northwest of the country.

At the same time, Russia,

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which is accused by Georgia of fomenting the rebellion, said it would strengthen its military presence in the Black Sea republic and secure control of

a strategic railway line.

The advance by fighters from the Abkhazian minority, backed by Cossack and Muslim volunteers from southern Russia, meant that Georgia had lost control of virtually all its coastline north of Sukhumi, the regional capital.

Rebel forces rolled through the villages of Gantiadi and Leselidze in armoured cars as hundreds of fighters, includ-



ing the Georgian forces' young commander, Gia Kar-karashylli, and thousands of civilians took flight.

The setback presents Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, with the most acute challenge since he took power in his homeland last March. It comes five days before elec-tions which he has been

Balkan aid agencies battling to cope

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN ZAGREB AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE growing human misery in the former Yugoslav republics is overwhelming the efforts of aid agencies. Officials say they will need to provide 1.9 million people with food and chalter if the provide in the control of shelter if they are to avoid a lingering death from cold and

Ron Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commis-sioner for Refugees in Geneva. said: "It is hard to imagine that hundreds of thousands of people could die in the heart of Europe, but this could happen if the international community does not respond quickly enough. This is a race against time and at the moment we

are losing." The United Nations says it needs overall \$1,025 million

Refugees says it has so far only received \$184 million of the \$282 million it needs just for priority needs. This lack of funds means the organisation cannot buy the equipment to get the relief aid through.

The Yugoslav armed forces, meanwhile, said yesterday that they would retreat from the strategic Prevlaka peninsula in southern Croatia. The announcement was made as nationalists argued that, if the strategic headland is given up, the Croats will control access to the only significant remain-ing natural harbour in the former Yugoslavia. Franjo Tudjman, the Cro-

atian president, agreed to the demilitarisation of Previaka. under UN supervision, when (£596 million) to fund its relief he met his Yugoslav counterefforts until April 1993. The part, Dobrica Cosic, in UN High Commissioner for Geneva last week.

hoping will legitimise his rule. If he can act quickly to convince Georgians that he is the man to reverse the country's military retreat, he could ride to victory. If not, his position could be vulnerable to a challenge from the military commanders on whose backs he rode to power - notably Tengiz Kitovani, the defence minister. Supporters of ex-President Gamsakhurdia could reassert themselves. Mr Shevardnadze's dilemma was sharpened by comments from President Yeltsin which seemed calculated to which seemed calculated to appease the pro-Abkhazian lobby in the Russian parliament and anger Georgians. After pledging that Russia would not tolerate violations of the human rights of its kith and kin, he singled out the Baltic states and "Abkhazia and Georgia" as places where such abuses were taking place.

such abuses were taking place.
The implication that Abkhazia, which under the Soviet khazia, which under the Soviet system was an "autonomous republic" enjoying limited self-rule, and Georgia are separate places will enrage Tbilisi. Mr Yeltsin twisted the knife by saying that, far from withdrawing its forces from Georgia, as some Georgian officials are demanding, Russia was actually increasing its military presence there. military presence there.
"We are not pulling out our

contingent, because it is neces-sary for us to take under control the railway line from the Russian-Abkhazian border to the Abkhazian-Georgian border," he said, again appearing to question Georgia's jurisdiction over Abkhazia. Mr Yeltsin said he hoped to meet Mr Shevardnadze, and Vladislav Ardzinba, the Abkhazian leader, as well other politicians from the re-gion, somewhere in the con-flict zone next week. However, it could be embarrassing for the Georgian leader to attend such a meeting at a time when anti-Russian sentiment is sweeping through the



Jail guards shoot down minister's escape plan

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

MICHEL Vauzelle, the French justice minister, may have been watching too many thriller films, at least according to the prison guards' union. He provoked mockery and outrage from the officers after he suggested yesterday that they shoot at helicopters being used to spring prisoners from jail.

His idea came after three prisoners were flown out of Bois d'Arcy prison, near Paris, on Sunday in the fourth such escapade involving helicop-ters since July. In all of them, accomplices of the prisoners chartered the aircraft for sightseeing or photography and then put a gun to the pilot's head and ordered him to the nearest prison. to fly to the nearest prison.
In one attempt last month,

the guards at Saint-Maur prison shot dead an inmate as he was being hoisted out of the exercise yard. Their bul-lets struck the helicopter, wounding the pilot and forc-ing down the craft. On Sunday, M Vauzelle was angered that, despite government or-ders to airfields to check identities of passengers and search their baggage, a com-pany at St Cyr L'Ecole, on the western edge of Paris, was fooled by a known gangster posing as a flying enthusiast.

The passenger forced Georges Agrisset, the pilot, to touch down in the exercise yard where Michel Lepage, an armed robber, was waiting with colleagues, waving hand-kerchiefs. The guards, who were under orders not to shoot at aircraft, did nothing. M Vauzelle said he had

ordered an immediate review of the law covering the use of firearms during escape at-tempts "in order to make the presidents of aero-clubs and pilots and also the accomplices think carefully about using this method". The government is equipping prison grounds with anti-helicopter cables, but the guards say these will be insufficient to prevent aircraft from hoisting prisoners up on ropes.

Kurdish factions wage war

Istanbul: War has broken out between the Kurds of northern Iraq and members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) waging a separatist campaign against Turkey (Andrew Finkel writes). A force of 10,000 peshmerga infilteers, as well as armed villagers, launched a campaign yester-day to drive the PKK from its bases, according to the Ankara office of the Iraqi Patriotic

Union of Kurdistan. The Iraqi Kurds are angry at what they describe as the intimidation of their people who are trying to resettle the villages they were forced to abandon by the policies of President Saddam Hussein.

Russian rally

Moscow: Hundreds of supporters of the ultra-nationalist Parnyat movement met for a conference to hear denunciations of "international Zionism" and President Yeltsin.

Tatar protest

Kiev: Police in the Crimean capital, Simferopol, used tear gas to disperse Tatars who tried to storm the regional parliament after police disman-tled a Tatar settlement in Ukraine last week.

Sewage claim

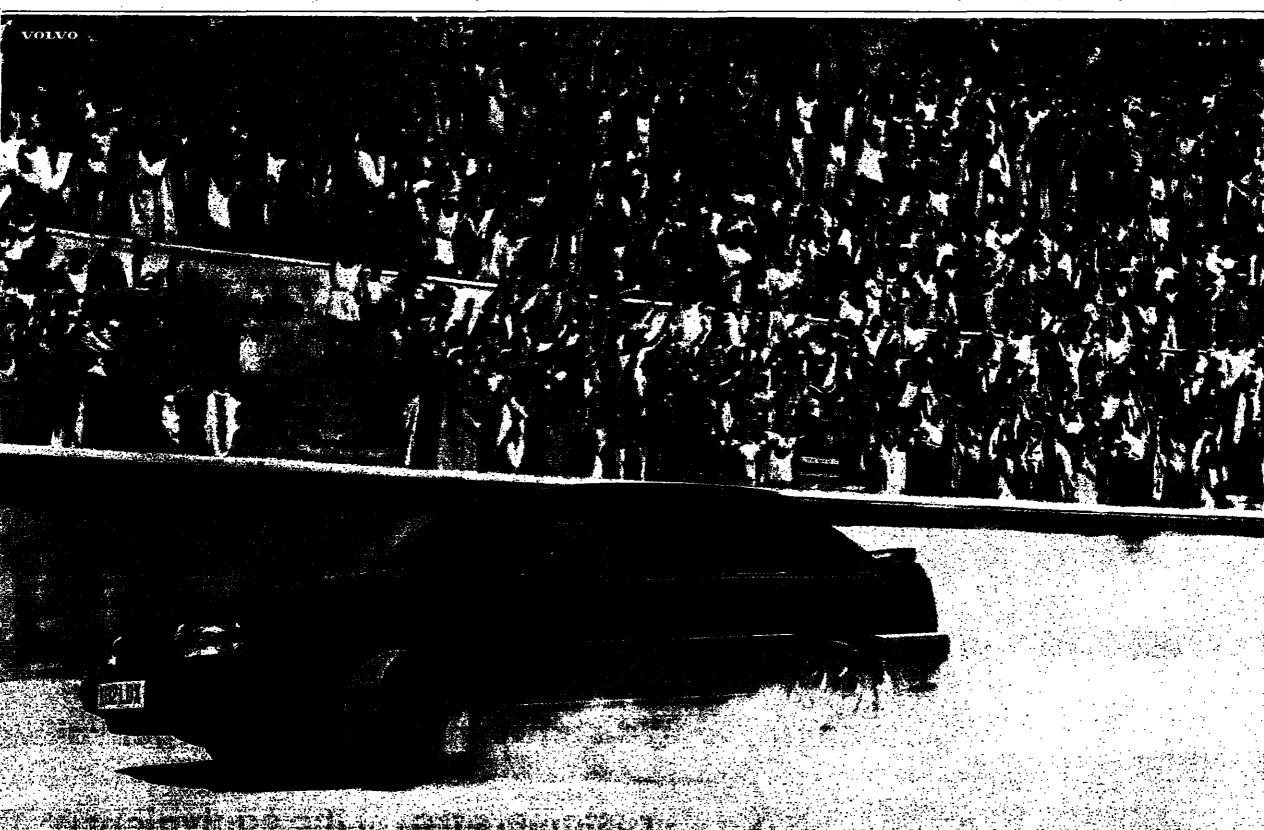
Hong Kong. Environmentalists claimed more than two million tonnes of untreated sewage are discharged into coastal waters daily, blaming the pollution for a large in-crease in hepatitis A. (Reuter)

Train bombed

Assiut: Three people were killed and ten wounded when a bomb exploded on an Egyptian train in Dayrut. The southern town has seen continuing violence involving Islamic militants. (Reuter)

Capital gains

Berlin: Joost van Orten, a Dutch company manager, became the world Monopoly champion and won £8,800. On the board, he bankrupted his four opponents in 85



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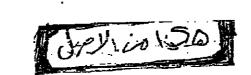
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INTERCITY

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KUWAIT CITY

ANTI-GOVERNMENT candidates from a loose coalition of opposition groups swept to victory yesterday in the first election held since Kuwait's parliament was dissolved by the emir in 1986.

Although only 81,400 males were eligible to vote one in seven of the adult male population — the results on an average turnout of more than 80 per cent were seen as sending a stark message to the ruling al-Sabah family that Kuwaitis are anxious for reform after their liberation

from Iraq.
"Kuwait votes for change," declared the banner headline in the normally pro-govern-ment Arab Times, while the more sedate Kuwait Times led with "Opposition sends strong

message".

With the presence of independents among the 50 deputies blurring allegiances and with some political parties still outlawed, observers estimated that anti-government candidates won 70 per cent of

elected seats in the new parliamonth. As in other recent Arab elections, pro-Islamic candidates were the biggest winners, with their three groups claiming 18 deputies. Many are demanding stricter implementation of Sharia (Islamic law), but a number also support votes for women, who were barred from standing or voting. Another 12 seats went to opposition liberals, anxious to develop the parliament as a

limited democracy. Opposition candidates and Western diplomats agreed that the poll was conducted fairly, with strenuous efforts to prevent vote-buying which has election observers were ruled out by the government, which had not expected such an overwhelming defeat. Two of the deputies likely to be most prominent in the

parliament claim to have been

victims of politically motivated

forum for control of the execu-

tive and to expand Kuwait's

eration last February. One accused the son of Crown Prince Shaikh Saad al-Sabah, who is also the prime minister. of threatening to harm him and his brother. Another, Hamad al-Jouan.

campaigned from a wheelchair having been crippled by an assassination attempt. He said the election was only the beginning of the renewal of the democratic process. Twice in the past, parliaments critical of the regime have been shut down under the emir's power of dissolution. The new parliament will

intimidation following the lib-

meet weekly in its seafront headquarters, refurbished at a cost of \$60 million (£35 million) after being wrecked by the occupying Iraqis. Western diplomats, familiar with many of the candidates, said it was certain to provide a forum for open debate that would stand out in the Arab world.

The results generated intense excitement in the tightknit desert community which



Riding high: an opposition candidate, Dr Ismail al-Shatti, celebrating his victory in Kuwait City yesterday

has a long record in leading the Gulf states in forcing the pace of democratic change. Saudi Arabia is known to have been deeply anxious about the effects on its domestic politics

of an opposition victory in Kuwait. Muhammad al-Qadiri, a spokesman for the Democratic Forum which had its two leading candidates returned, predicted that depu-

ties would protest by refusing to take their seats if they were not consulted by the al-Sabahs about the formation of a new cabinet.

Cooperation between

Aerospatiale and British

mounted two unprecedented street demonstrations on polling day, were optimistic that the result would boost their campaign to secure the vote by the next election in 1996.

Zulu chief

threatens

to secede

FROM RAY KENNEDY

IN JOHANNESBURG

BARELY a week after breaking off contacts with Pretoria because of its bilateral agree-

ments with the African National Congress, Chief Mango-

suthu Buthelezi, leader of the

Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party and chief minister of

KwaZulu, threatened yester-

day to secede from South

Africa if constitutional negoti-

no return to negotiations at the Convention for a Demo-

cratic South Africa (Codesa),

which broke down in June

when the ANC walked out, and he called for a new

multiparty forum to be established.

The Zulu leader was ad-dressing a "Conference of Concerned South Africans"

which drew together some

strange bedfellows. Present

were Brigadier Joshua

"Oupa" Goozo, of Ciskei, in whose capital, Bisho, ANC

marchers were shot by troops last month; Dr Ferdi Hartz-

enberg, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, and Presi-

Mangope

Frank Mdlalose, Inkatha

national chairman, denied

that it was his party's inten-

tion to form an alternative to

Codesa. "The common pur-

pose is to look at things which

are interfering with the polit-

ical negotiation process," he

The IFP holds the convic-tion that the ANC and the

government must be dragged into negotiations proper."

Meanwhile, President de

Klerk warned the ANC yesterday that the government would take stern steps against

marches that were expected to lead to violence. The ANC

has said that marches on the Bophuthatswana capital,

Mmabatho, and the KwaZulu capital, Ulundi, are to go ahead.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, ended his first official

visit to Peking yesterday with assurances of Chinese friend-

dent

Bophuthatswana.

But he said there could be

ations failed.

return to war By SAM KILEY AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

Savimbi

risks

A resumption of the Annas Savimbi, facing defeat in Angola's first democrat soldiers from the newly formed national army and demanded a suspension of the election.

The Angolan government said that it would not turn the other cheek if Dr Savembi reacted with violence to electoral defeat and riot police were out in force in Luanda, the capital, setting up roadblocks and protecting government buildings.
The potential stillbirth

of multiparty democracy in Angola was not only depressing for the country's war-weary population but also bodes ill for democratisation elsewhere in the continent, especially southern Africa and perhaps South Africa.

Part of last week's peace agreement signed between the Mozambican administration and the Renamo rebels was that elections should be held within the next year. But as the process was in danger of unravelling in Angola yesterday, hopes for a peace-ful transition in Mozambique also dimmed.

In Luanda yesterday, Dr Savinibi, president of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), looked certain to lose against President dos Santos, who, with 86 per cent of the ballots counted. had taken \$1.2 per cent of the votes against Dr

Savimbi's 39 per cent.
An end to the 16-year Angolan civil war between Unita and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) came last year when the MPLA government was forced to negotiate.

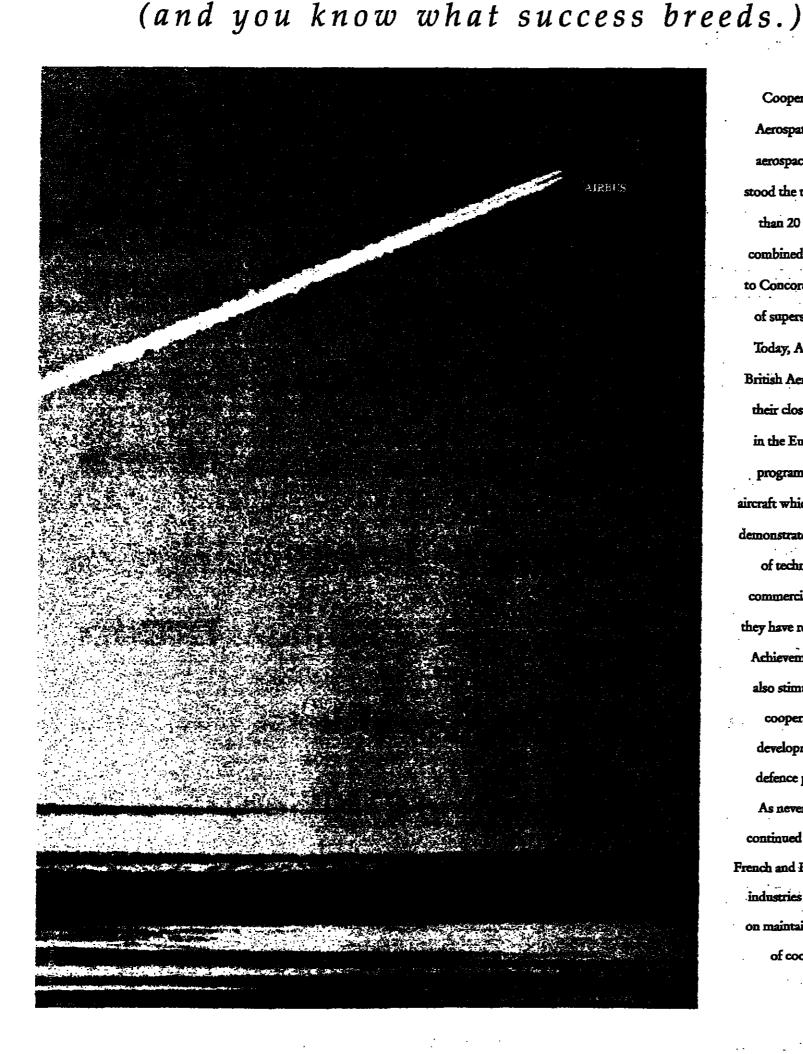
About 11,000 Unita troops and 28,000 from the government's army were officially integrated on the eve of the elections in an attempt to set up a single force of what should eventually have been 50,000 men. The withfrom the armed forces of Angola is the most serious threat from Dr Savimbi so far of a return to war. But the move has not come as a surprise. When campaigning, he said repeatedly that he expected Unita to win and if it did not then be would have to say that the

elections were rigged. America has made clear to him that he can expect no international support if he abandons democracy for armed conflict.



Savimbi: wants poll process to be halted

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of cooperation.



ACHIEVEMENT HAS A NAME

ship but no promises that China would avoid links with Palestinians' fast jeopardises talks

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem

SEVERAL thousand Palestinian prisoners started their tenth day on hunger strike yesterday, in a nationwide protest against Israeli jail con-ditions that could jeopardise the forthcoming Arab-Israeli peace talks.

The hunger strike involves about one-third of the estimat-ed 12,500 Palestinian security prisoners, who have vowed to remain on a diet of water and salt until conditions at 13 facilities run by the Israeli prison service are improved. Word of the protest, the first of its kind since 1987 in Israel, was revealed after inmates wrote to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general. Their 28 de-mands included an end to solitary confinement over long periods, the closure of special tions, better food, no overcrowding, proper medical

cal abuse by guards. Hosni Sharakeh, who was released last week from the West Bank prison in Nablus action was not politically motivated, but caused by genuine frustration. The authorities have refused to meet the prisoners' demands. Moshe Shahal, the Israeli police minister, insists that no talks are possible until the strike is called off. Palestinian and Israeli leaders are increasingly concerned that what began as a straightforward protest over prison conditions could spiral into a political test of wills between the government of Yitzhak Rabin, the prime min-ister, and the Palestinian leadership in the occupied territories, who are due to resume their talks in Washington on October 21.

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Right-wing Republicans turn all their attention to 1996

"IT AIN'T over till it's over," the noted American baseball player and philosopher, Yogi Berra, was fond of saying. But for those on the right wing of the Republican party, the 1992 election is, indeed, over. They are turning their attention to 1996.

However, the conservative wing of the party - the group that provided the intellectual muscle of the Reagan revolution and the foot soldiers for Ronald Reagan in 1980 and 1984 and for George Bush in 1988 — is bifurcated. On the one hand, there is the social right, the voter to whom questions such as school prayer, abortion, the allegedy pernicious effect of American "culture" on family values and other such subjects are of crucial importance. It is difficult for non-Americans to appreciate the emotive power of these issues. But keep in mind that 71 per cent of Americans agree that "there is something morally wrong with the country" and that 61 per cent of Republicans do not think non-discrimination laws should be used to protect homosexuals.

On the other hand, there is the economic right, which includes intellectuals and many in the business community who saw in Mr Reagan's tax-cutting and deregulation the key to unleashing American enterprise and industrial ingenuity. These are less concerned about so-called family values than about share values and tend to view the social agenda of their brethren on the right as a distraction. To them, a reinvigoration of the 'Reaganeconomic' revolution

is the key to America's future. These, broadly, are distinct groups and they have begun to look at 1996 in very different

Irwin Stelzer, right, writes that social and economic conservatives in George Bush's party have lost interest in this year's poll and are seeking a champion for next time

hope for America unless the moral authority of the family is restored, sex and violence are cut out of television and films. and homosexual and other non-traditional lifestyles are denied public acceptance. With Pat Buchanan virtually invisible, and the Rev Pat Robertson consigned to the narrowly focused Christian Coalition, Vice-President Dan

The situation among members of the economic right is a bit more muddled. Some remember that Mr Quayle's council on competitiveness resisted the tide of new regula-

Quayle is the social right's

mainstream politician

tions unleashed by Bush appointees and are willing to sign on with the vice-president for 1996.

Others look to Jack Kemp,

now ending four frustrating years as an ignored member of Mr Bush's cabinet. He has long espoused lower taxes, less regulation, private-sector ini-tiatives to cure such social ills as inner-city riots and a host of other Reaganite programmes. To his supporters, who include most of the state chairmen of the Republican party, Mr Kemp holds the key to an open, more inclusive party, more concerned about the socially disadvantaged than the Quayle group but, unlike



the Democrats, relying on the private sector rather than government for solutions. They point not only to Mr Kemp's long support of supply-side tax cuts and enterprise zones, but also to his speech at the Republican convention in Houston, regarded as second only to Mr Reagan's in optimism and in offering creative solutions to economic ills.

But Mr Kemp faces one difficulty in rallying the economic right to his banner.

Many of its members, particu-larly those in the business community, are terribly bothered by the federal budget deficit. That deficit is now running at close to \$350 billion (£200 billion), almost 6 per cent of GNP. Cuts in defence spending will help to bring it down as will a winding down of the cost of the industry bail-out. But the deficit will remain too large unless some combination of two very unpopular steps is taken: raise taxes, or cut socalled "entitlement" payments made under various social security and welfare schemes. Mr Kemp favours neither. continuing to believe that economic growth alone eventually will wipe out the deficit. Certainly, he does not see tax increases as any part of the solution to the deficit.

That is why some members of the business community

professor who switched from the Democratic to the Republican party in 1983. Mr Gramm has been wooing Republican businessmen, building a campaign chest for a run at the presidential nomination in 1996. What he quietly promises that Mr Kemp does not is a more old fashioned, pre-Reagan view of budgetary matters, more in the tradition of the late Sena-tor Robert Taft of Ohio and. lately, Senator Bob Dole of Kanas. To these traditional Republican conservatives, the deficit matters. And it must be eliminated. Only then can economic growth resume.

The fractured Pepublican right can take one comfort from all this turmoil: it belies the notion that it has run out of ideas. Irvin Kristol. the American Enterprise Institute scholar and the father of the

lution, agrees that the right has not run out of ideas. What is lacking, he says, is a champion who can turn the ideas that are being faid out in conservative opinion journals into reality: one who, unlike Mr Bush. does not prefer consensus to confrontation. Whether that proves to be Mr Quayle. Mr Kemp or Mr Gramm or, as some thoughtful conservatives are hoping, a dark horse such as Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, will become clearer the day after this election, when the serious jockeying for advantage in 1996 begins.

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Challenge by **Perot fails** to damage Clinton lead

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush's hold on the White House looked increasingly shaky yesterday. On Monday night. Congress overrode a presidential veto for the first time since he came to office, and the first authoritative polls since Ross Perot's re-entry showed the Texan's candidacy has barely dented Bill Clinton's lead.

The override on a popular bill regulating the cable television industry underscored Mr Bush's waning political strength four weeks before the election. The Democratic-controlled House and Senate had failed to muster the two-thirds majorities required to overturn any of his 35 previous vetoes, but on this occasion frantic White House lobbying failed to convert a single Republican senator and 24 voted against him. In the House, 77 Repub-

licans defied the president. Mr Bush maintained yesterday that he was "right on principle" but Mr Clinton said the vote "won't do him any good". Al Gore, Mr Clinton's running mate, called the override "an indication of the winds of change that are blowing across the country".

New polls by The New York Times. The Washington Post and the Harris organisation gave the Arkansas governor leads over Mr Bush of eight. 11 and 17 points respectively. dashing Republican hopes that Mr Perot's new candidacy would split the anti-Bush vote and put the president back on

Mr Peroi, who was last night airing his first 30minute commercial on prime time television, received no more than 9 per cent support in any of the polls. Four-fifths of his former supporters said they no longer trusted him and 72 per cent of respon-dents said he should have staved out of the race.

The detailed figures were still grimmer for Mr Bush. He has spent days painting his

opponent as a closet tax-andspender, but in the Post poll 40 per cent said they preferred Mr Clinton's tax policies and only 28 per cent Mr Bush's. Three-quarters of Mr Clinton's supporters said they would definitely not change their minds before November 3. compared to two-thirds of Mr Bush's. Just 16 per cent of the Times respondents approved of President Bush's economic stewardship.

Next week's presidential debates could still turn the race around, but now little seems to be going the way of a president who, in contrast to his opponent, looks tired, sounds rambling and acts desperate.

The Post exacerbated the sense of disarray by disclosing that Richard Darman, Mr Bush's budget director, offered his resignation when Mr Bush said recently that he had made a "mistake" in breaking his "no new taxes" pledge. Mr Darman considers the \$500 billion, five-year deficit reduction package the most responsible economic policy decision the president had made.

Mr Clinton, meanwhile, scoffed at what he called Republican-inspired rumours that, as an Oxford student opposed to the Vietnam war. he had visited Moscow at the KGB's invitation and had sought to renounce his American citizenship to avoid the draft. The Republicans had been in power a long time and they are behind a little now and they are stirring everything they can, but this old dog won't hunt," he said.

The mystery over the pages missing from Mr Clinton's State Department passport file continued last night. It was confirmed that the FBI was investigating. Bush supporters have long been encouraging reporters to look into Mr Clinton's anti-war activities while at Oxford, but the Bush campaign denied tampering with Mr Clinton's file.



Wired for sound: Bill Clinton being fitted with a microphone as Larry King, left, directs preparations for his live television interview with the Democratic candidate

Candidates fall for a chat show charmer

FORGET the candidates. The rising star of this election is a 58-year-old chat show host called Larry King. He only has to crook his finger and George Bush, Bill Clinton or Ross Perot come running on to his

The president was on last Sunday and will be back again tonight. Governor Clinton and his running mate. Al Gore, managed to squeeze in on Monday and are said to be returning later in the week. Ross Perot has used the show twice as a launch-pad for his off-on bid for the presidency. What makes it all the more

remarkable is that Mr King is no conventional megastar of the networks. His show is screened on CNN and, though it attracts a nightly audience of more than two million, that hardly puts it at the top of the ratings tables. Yet in shirt-sleeves and braces with a bracelet on his right wrist. Mr King is a cult phenomenon.

This campaign is his apotheosis, and more orthododox television journalists are far from happy about it. They suggest that the candidates

The presidential race is being called by one of television's top cult figures. Anthony Howard reports why the runners are lining up to face Larry King

like to go on Larry King Live — as the show is called, despite its frequent taped interviews because they know that they will have an easy ride. Indeed, during King's interview with Mr Perot last week Mike Wallace, the veteran star of CBS's flagship current affairs show Sixty Minutes, actually rang in to enquire why it was Mr Perot always gave Mr King "most favoured nation" treatment. Was it, he asked, because of "the softballs my

friend Larry throws at you? The charge, although it clearly nettled Mr King, was not wholly unfair. The last 10 minutes of his interview with the president last Sunday night featured Barbara Bush and the family dog. Millie.

It was not, however, the first time a dog has been introduced into a presidential campaign: Franklin Roosevelt started the trend with a spirited defence of his dog Fala on a radio broadcast more than 50 years ago, and Richard Nixon's famous 1952 TV address to the nation is not

known as the "Checkers

broadcast" for nothing. There is no doubt that the contenders find the ambience of Larry King Live comfortable, perhaps because it is always so obligingly flexible. The president, for instance, was allowed to insist on taking no calls from viewers last weekend, on the curious ground that it would detract from the dignity of the White House (where the interview was recorded). Tonight he comes back to take calls, so as candidate and incumbent - one could say that he has

won each way.

Only the jealous can begrudge King his success. He has had a turbulent life: six marriages, frequent threats of



bankruptcy, and even a charge of grand larceny against him that was not proceeded with. It is difficult, however, to perceive him as a replica of Sir Robin Day or even as a transatlantic Brian Walden. He prides himself on doing no homework before his interviews, maintaining that this enables him to ask the sort of would like to ask and, later in the programme, frequently

Perhaps what most upsets the more professionally oriented television interviewers is the degree of dominance Mr lish over the current campaign. The staple Sunday current affairs shows have paid a particular price. Governor Clinton's last appearance on NBC's Meet The Press was in March, and neither he nor the president has any plans to return to it or CBS's rival Face The Nation during the four remaining weeks of the campaign.

The message would seem to be that both the candidates and the voters prefer to see this election as essentially a trivial pursuit, where political interest consistently takes second place to human curiosity.

Paper chase: Many Americans would contend that the work of the much reviled 102nd US Congress was treated with exactly the respect it deserved last Monday twrites Martin Fletcher). In the small hours of the morning a cleaner found a box of papers on the floor of a basement office on Capitol Hill and carted it off to the nearest rubbish skip.

It is true that this Congress has produced little of worth. but these papers were an exception. They were 13 new bills that had been approved over the weekend, including an historic measure to provide aid for the former Soviet republics. Their intended destination was the National Archives.

Their loss was discovered just before 9am and a search of the local rubbish collection centre was instigated, but it was "like looking for a contact lens on a beach", said the Clerk of House.

One of the 13 bills authorised \$2.3 billion to finance the tunning of Con-gress itself. After a year that has produced the House bank scandal, the House post office scandal and almost complete legislative "gridlock", self-deprecating humour is the order of the day among congress-men up for re-election. "Some people would say the janitor did the country a favour, remarked Robert Walker, a Pennsylvania Republican.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nine killed as storms sweep Italy

Rome: The death toll in a wave of storms battering Italy rose to nine as police reported seven more fatalities in the past 24 hours. Four people died in road accidents caused by heavy rain and two others were swept into the sea. Lowlying areas of Venice re-mained ankle-deep in water while large areas of the north

were flooded. Paris: Three inches of rain fell in three hours on Nice and surrounding areas and rivers were swollen as storms hit southern France. (Reuter, AP)

Hunger strike

Tokyo: Opposition MPs began a hunger strike to demand the resignation of Shin Kanemaru, "kingmaker" of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, who admitted receiving an illegal £2.4 million donation. (AP)

Cairo plaudit

Cairo: President Mubarak of Egypt marked the anniversary of the 1973 Middle East war by praising Israelis for electing a more conciliatory government in June. (Reuter)

Art retrieved

Moscow: Art masterpieces taken from Nazi Germany, including a drawing of Van Gogh's Starry Night found on a cellar floor, have been retrieved from secret storerooms and will be displayed in St Petersburg. (AP)

Doctor's orders

Nairobi: Dundu Owilly, a leading Aids doctor, warned Kenyans not to bathe their genitals in acid after sev to ward off HIV. Many unsuspecting people have suffered

Germany and Britain Compromise on Hong Kong airport ruled out

Patten fends off pressure from China

IN HONG KONG

ON THE eve of his maiden policy address to the local legislature. Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong. yesterday ruled out compromising the British colony's democratic development to clinch a deal with China over the financing of a controversial £13.5 billion airport project, but admitted that full democracy would not be on his agenda.

He pointed out the need to strike a balance between the moves to democracy sought by the people of Hong Kong and that which will survive the colony's return to Chinese control in 1997. He made it clear that he would not succumb to pressure from Peking to limit Hong Kong's freedoms simply to pave the way for an agreement on the airport which China has been opposing in an effort to extract further political concessions.

His comments, in an interview with the BBC, did nothing to dampen the intense speculation over the contents of his speech, which



Patten: an expert use of public relations

will set the tone for the last five years of British rule. In the three months since his arrival in Hong Kong. the former Tory party chairman has played his cards close to his chest, sounding out local opinion but giving little away about his own intentions. Knowing the Chinese will not accept full parliamentary democracy, he has promised to retain "an executive-led government" but has not

given any details of its likely composition.

Although liberal groups

swept to victory in last year's partial democratic elections. China has made it clear it does not want them appointed to the executive council. Mr Patten's inner cabinet. Faced with that restriction, the governor is likely to appoint business leaders to the executive rather than liberal or conservative politicians.

However, the most able local Chinese might be unwilling to be associated with the final years of British colonialism, and the executive council might find itself sidelined while Mr Patten egotiates directly with a fractious and partially democratic legislature.

China has threatened to throw liberal representatives out of office if they win seats under the new polling system Mr Patten is pledged to introduce for 1995 and beyond. He has stalled on a two-year-old British promise to approach China for an increase in the 20 directly elected seats Peking is committed to permitting in the 60-seat legislature. The governor is bound to

make enemies, as he cannot

satisfy all the local interests. He has already made himself popular pressing the flesh and kissing babies in the crowded market place and public housing estates. Now he has done what comes naturally to a politician and promised to face the public. Where Lord Wilson, his predecessor, would have barricaded himself inside the official residence and waited for the storm to die down, "Typhoon Chris" has shocked the establishment by arranging four public forums to explain his position as well as agreeing to appear on radio for a twohour live phone-in on tomorrow. The 2,800 tickets for the first two public sessions scheduled for tomorrow and Friday were snapped up in less than 20 minutes. Market target: The central committee of the Chinese Communist Party has drafted proposals that point to a market economy as the way forward for China. The report says the ambitious tarset in 1980 of quadrupling China's output

by the year 2000 should be

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Community can no longer negotiators will admit that it refuses to face

meet this weekend in a last attempt to clinch a world trade deal before the present opportunity closes. Carla Hills, the US trade representative, will meet Frans Andriessen, the Community's chief trade nein Brussels on gotiator.

Officials on both sides believe that if progress on the central issue of subsidised food exports is not registered by the time EC leaders meet in Birmingham on October 16. an agreement to boost world

trade may never be struck. The German and British day that signs pointed to President Bush seeking a

pret his negotiating mandate Dominic Strauss-Kahn, the French foreign trade minister, said the Community's plans to reform the common agricultural policy were its last concession and that America should make the next move.

Herr Möllemann, a long-

time advocate of a more

flexible EC stance, urged the

Community's leading negotia-

tor, Frans Andriessen, to inter-

governments warned their EC partners yesterday that a final effort to close the gap between America and the Community over food export rules must be made urgently. France, isolated in opposition to further concessions by the EC, stuck to its insistence that any fresh concessions should come from Washington. Möllemann, the German economics minister, said yester-

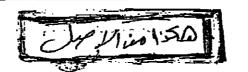
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Inside Europe, the government needs to speak for Britain

onday's Times Mori poll was startling. In mid-September, before the currency fun and games began, of those with a view 52 per cent were in favour of ratifying the Maastricht treaty and 48 per cent were against. By the end of the month 68 per cent were against and a mere 32 per cent in favour.

John Major has staked his political credibility at home and abroad on Maastricht. Mrs Thatcher is not a lone voice in the Tory party against it. Though comparatively silent temporarily, she leads a vocal and powerful minority in the Tory party in Parliament. Yet if Mr Major speaks, and acts, with confidence and skill, he can overcome his Maastricht problem. If he were defeated in Parliament it could be a resigning matter with the possibility of a snap election. I cannot imagine the Tories risking a defeat or changing their leader so soon after Mr Major led them to victory.

Some stubborn Tory MPs will vote to

Some stubborn Tory MPs will vote to destroy the ratification bill. They will be more than out-numbered by Labour MPs, whose leader John Smith, obtained overwhelming conference backing for his determination to see Maastricht through. There will not be a referendum here: a bill for it would be defeated by a combination of the prime minister and Mr Smith. Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand badly need the British ratification plus a Danish Yes vote; unless all ratify Maastricht collapses. So Mr Major has the strongest cards of all, enabling him to make Maastricht acceptable to general feelings here and in

This means that the treaty must incorporate a clear. Iegally binding statement that subsidiarity means Brussels must retreat from, and stay out of, all intervention except where the competition rules of the single market and the fouling of the environment across borders are concerned. There must also be a condition that the Commission ceases to initiate anything of its own volition and may only produce new rules and laws on instructions agreed by the governments.

Best of all would be to replace all the commissioners, with their love of exercising political power by ordering governments about, with professional civil servants accustomed to taking orders, not giving them. Those like Jacques Delors long for a centrally-run federal state because, unhealthily, they are driven by a desire to rule, unelected and unquestioned, the largest number of subjects they can coral together.

If Mr Major has the courage, the strength and the vision to push something of this kind through with our European partners, who need us so badly, his present, low opinion poll rating will be transformed. He must be perceived as speaking for Britain as effectively as Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand speak for German and French interests. Meanwhile, Mr Major and Norman Lamont, who have both made clear that we will not re-enter the exchange-rate mechanism until its methods of operation are radically changed, must convince the country that the drive to hold down inflation will continue without the socalled discipline of the ERM. And that means public spending will be ruthlessly reduced and controlled however much it hurts. They must not bolster public spending by increased taxation: they should aim rapidly to reduce it, to encourage incentive and to continue to differentiate the tax-cutting Tory party from the tax-raising Labour party.

Anthony Howard in Washington on the rigid ideologues who despise the president's pragmatism

There is a paradox at the heart of the American presidential election. George Bush may be fighting it, on his own terms, as a conservative—but it is precisely the more ideological conservative who holds the great-politics. The complaint in each continue to thunder away from a Thatcher, the Republicans have winning the allegiance of the American presidential election. George Bush may be fighting it, on his own terms, as a conservative—but it is precisely the more ideological conservative who holds the great-politics. The complaint in each continue to thunder away from a Thatcher, the Republicans have

politics. The complaint in each case is identical: that where the originators set out to change everything, those who have come after them possess no higher ambition than to keep things ticking over.

As the product of an orderly transition, the president probably has greater reason to resent the comparisons that are constantly made than has the prime minister. President Reagan, after all, was not hustled off the political stage. He retired at the age of 77, having served the maximum term allowed by the US Constitution.

Yet, almost four years later, the old believers are still by no means reconciled to the new regime. Just as the prime minister's sharpest critics were to be found at the time of the last election among those journalistic commentators who had most consistently supported his predecessor, so Mr Bush has come under the heaviest fire from defenders of the old order who

continue to thunder away from a variety of syndicated newspaper pulpits. Such renowned national columnists as William Safire, George Will or Robert Novak have seldom had a good word to say for the president during the present campaign. Safire has branded him "a crypto-liberal". Will has pronounced that "he almost certainly will lose, perhaps in a landslide", while (not to be outdone) Novak has declared that he has "charted a course to disaster for himself and his party".

What is it about President Bush that makes him so despised a figure by the intellectual right? The explanation for the battering the president has endured may well lie in the relative novelty of conservatism as a political movement in American politics. Even after the Reagan years conservatives recognise that their hold on the Republican party is by no means assured. Like the Tories in Britain until the arrival of Mrs

Thatcher, the Republicans have historically tended to be the less ideological party. If it had been otherwise, men like Wendell Willkie, Thomas E. Dewey or General Eisenhower could never have been nominated as the party's presidential candidates. The conservatives may first have captured the party with Barry Goldwater in 1964 but, partly thanks to the awkward interregnum of the Nixon presidency, it took another 15 years for their ascendancy to be established.

The fear of the ideological right now is that it is all about to be thrown away. With his patrician background, conventional outlook and respect for established institutions Mr Bush hardly seems like a man in whose heart there beats a passion for change. As a defender of the status quo he has not found it too difficult to forge an alliance with the religious right. He also has plenty of support in the affluent suburbs and the more fashionable country clubs. But

winning the allegiance of the economic, still less the libertarian right has posed him a much more difficult challenge. For such people politics is a war of ideas; and to Mr Bush, as to most politicians, ideas are dangerous and alarming things that, if not strictly controlled, can all too easily cause nothing but trouble.

Certainly, no one can claim that

Mr Bush ever tried to deceive anyone as to where he stood. In 1988, in his first presidential campaign, he delivered a highly revealing speech. "We don't," he said, "need radical new directions. We need strong and steady leadership. We don't need to re-make society — we just need to remember who we are."

Asked to describe the mandate

Asked to describe the mandate he thought the people had given him after winning he instinctively replied: "Well, I don't know whether I want to use the word 'mandate'..." Given, as every politics student knows, that the

"mandate" is the battering ram for change, there could hardly have been a more revealing answer. None of which, of course, is in any way to deny Mr Bush's own claim to be a conservative. He just happens to be a conservative of a rather old-fashioned sort — 3 consolidator at best and a conservator at worst.

The difficulty for Mr Bush is though, that such an essentially defensive view of his office puts him badly out of touch with the intellectual Zeitgeist blowing through his own party. What he perhaps needs most to worry about is the strangely wistful way in which Republican intellectuals are starting to talk about a Clinton victory on November 3 being "no bad thine"

bad thing".

What they mean, is that then the party could start afresh, go back to the drawing board and one day hope to return to the excitement and challenge of the early Reagan years. It is a measure of the challenge they feel about the performance and promise of the 41st president that few, if any, appear to believe that such an intellectual renewal will be possible even if he wins a second term.

Merely a little local difficulty

Reports of the prime minister's death are greatly exaggerated,

writes Simon Jenkins

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est reservations about him. To

them he represents a throwback to

the old consensus tradition of East

Coast Republicanism. Among the

ranks of the intellectual right (who,

as former supply-siders, are not at all attracted by Ross Perot's ver-

sion of hair-shirt economics) he is

perceived not as a policy innovator

but rather as a figure who instinc-

tively shrinks from any form of

doctrinal innovation. The neo-

conservatives who re-made the

Republican party after the Barry

Goldwater debacle of 1964 view

him in effect as the man who has

sold the revolution down the river.

All this may not, of course, be entirely the president's fault. Like

John Major, he continues to live under the shadow of his predeces-

sor. Ronald Reagan contributed

the term Reaganomics to the

American political lexicon just as

surely as Margaret Thatcher intro-

duced the concept of Thatcherism

into the vocabulary of British

Just start with the man's power. John Major is prime minister. He is not about to resign. He has an election victory just six months old and a Commons majority that will not risk another. His health is sound. There is no plausible successor. British political power rests on one institution, the cabinet, where sit the oligarchs of the elected majority, each of them at Mr Major's mercy. The cabinet is solid. The prime minister is virtually immune.

All else, to use a fashionable phrase, is subsidiary. The financial markets are consumed with uncertainty; but that bluntly is what they are paid to be. Traders face fluid exchange rates; they have done so before. Britain's European partners are worried about dwindling support for Maastricht. Tough on them; they should have thought of that when they concocted the worst treaty since Versailles.

We are told Mr Major faces a 'crisis of competence". So have most prime ministers at some time or other. We are told Norman Lamont has left the nation without an economic policy worth the name. But better no policy for the time being than the dreadful one we had before. The Tories are split on Europe? When were they not? We hear that this is the worst "total systems failure" since the war. It is crisis, crisis, crisis, the cliche repeated so often it acquires a sibilant lushness. But sometimes I think history should replace maths (which has got us nowhere) in the core curriculum. Is this a worse crisis than the three-day week of

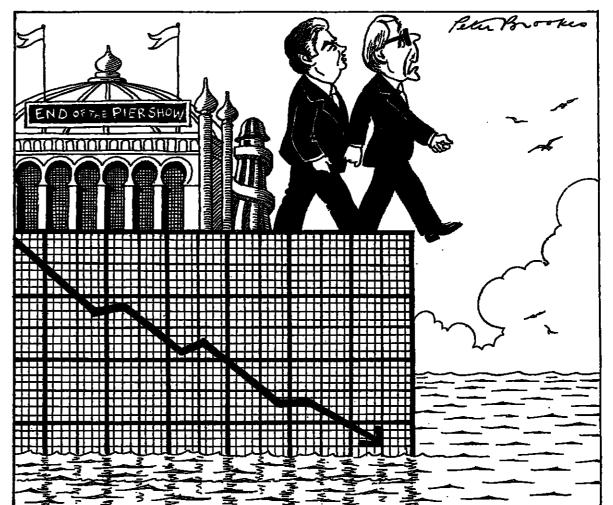
Monetary Fund visit in 1976, than the Falklands invasion in 1982? It is not. Or take the party confer-

ence of 1981, when Margaret Thatcher's leadership faced its greatest threat until she fell eight years later. The war of the wets against the dries reflected a divide that ran through the party right up to the cabinet. Mrs Thatcher's senior colleagues, such as Jim Prior and Francis Pym, were openly dissenting. Poor odds were being offered on her surviving to Christmas that year. She muddled through quite well.

Mr Major's predicament this week is nowhere as dire as was Mrs Thatcher's. Certainly he wobbled inside Admiralty House on Black Wednesday — by some accounts wobbled alarmingly. But no prime minister has lived until he has faced those ghastly dwarfs from the Treasury and the Bank of England, all lined up ashen faced to

say, "We can no longer control the markets: you must carry the can." It takes a strong man to laugh in their faces and sack the lot of them. Mr Major should know that now.

The prime minister's power requires him only to keep his nerve. He has not a "crisis problem", only a policy problem, or rather two problems. The first is to ratify the wretched Maastricht treaty. He solved that last Thursday. At the now-famous cabinet he wanted no silent acquiescence. He made every member articulate his or her assent to ratification. The reason was that no feasible alternative (apart from referendum) was open to them, given that he



had signed on their behalf and could no longer shelter behind the Danish skirts with any dignity. Mr Major duly ordered the

Mr Major duly ordered the whips on deck to deliver him his majority, whatever the cost. This they will do. Terrible things will be said. German feelings will be sorely tried. Ratifying the treaty is already opening divisions across Europe so deep, and so genuine, as in my view to make implementation near impossible. But to the Tory party Maastricht is now an order. However many standing ovations Euro-sceptics receive, it has become an infantry advance on the Somme a test not of intelligence but of leadership. All

else is mutiny. Maastricht will be obeyed as poll tax was obeyed. The prime minister's other, unresolved task is to find a sensible monetary and fiscal policy to

replace the defunct one. I was delighted to hear him casually remark, as if it were self-evident, that there is "more than one way of keeping inflation under control". I distinctly remember six weeks ago both he and Mr Lamont shouting the exact opposite. But when politicians turn from the path of folly and seek after righteousness, who are we to scream "crisis"? I would rather a strategy properly considered by a chastened Treasury than one cobbled together

overnight merely to lower blood pressure in the money markets. Certainly John Major has taken a media grilling this past month. He is portrayed in Tory as well as Labour newspapers as weak, empty, incompetent, lacking in ideas, a broken-backed Quixote wandering the plains of Europe, with Mr Lamont as his Sancho Panza. The broadsheets have been as bad as the tabloids. Mr Major's cardinal fault is that he reads this rubbish.

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Deconstruct this much-vaunted crisis into its component parts and it promptly diminishes in size.

This week's noise is the result of an unavoidable hiatus between the end of Britain's miserable flirta-

tion with fixed exchange rates and the return of a more autonomous policy. The hiatus happens to coincide with a Tory party conference, decision day on Maastricht and Britain's leadership of the European Council of Ministers, a body grossly inflated in importance. But with Maastricht delegated to the whips and the council pushed into the background, the prime minister can at least concentrate on crafting economic recovery and deciding the fate of his Chancellor.

Mr Major is being dismissed at Westminster as merely a transitional leader, keeping the seat warm for some titan waiting in the wings. Mrs Thatcher was described likewise in her early years. Such criticism is easy when the spotlight blazes down only on a politician's weaknesses, not his strengths. Mr Major's weaknesses are oft-rehearsed. He will nev-er be a "strong-leadership Conservative" in the Thatcher/Reagan mould. He does not dominate debate any more than he dominates a room. He lacks the fanaticism a great leader. He is no orator, being much given to H.L. Mencken's

"études in ponderosity". He is dull. But government is a dull business. John Major in two years has scratched four distinctive achievements on his personal escutcheon: poli-tax abolition, the Gulf war, the Maastricht concessions and a general election vic-tory. Each called for skill in managing his cabinet, his party and foreign leaders. In each case he was more than competent Now he has suffered his first political reverse. It is a big one. But to imply as a result that the man is finished, the roof has fallen in, the wolves are at the door and the Tory party is "in crisis" is plain

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have been thinking about my face. I am not alone in this. A man in Akron, Ohio, has been thinking about my face, too. That is why, this morning, I invite you to join us. Let us all, for 800 words, think about my face. Should you feel that 800 words is a bit more than you wish to think about my face for, be assured that by the end of them you will also find yourself thinking about your face, and thus, since a vanity shared is a vanity halved, may well forgive me for banging on about mine.

Let us look at my face together. It has a pretty neutral expression on it. does it not, some would say more neutral than pretty, but we are not here to wonder why, in an age of rapid-response newspaper technology, there's still no art to find the mind's construction in the face: why, that is, my face is not regularly changed to suit the article hanging from its chin. Were I the new Editor of The Times, that is exactly what I should innovate, so that readers would instantly be put on the qui vive for the tone of the words beneath by a face one day cheery, the next glum, now enraged, now quizzical, and so on. Shouldn't be too difficult, the Editor would just keep a few assorted snaps of me in his drawer and, as soon as my copy chattered through the fax, select a mug-shot to suit.

Today, for example, he might have gone for something regal.

Anyway, for the moment, here is this neutral face, and all we have to think about is its size. It is the size of a postage stamp. Were you to see it on an envelope, you

might say, hello, I think I have received a letter from Bulgaria, this must be the 5-stotinki grey (did you know, by the way, that there were 100 stotinki to the lev? What a mystery Bulgaria is!), but I cannot think who this neutral-looking dingbat is, could be a trade secretary, could be a dead footballer, unless of course it's their new king, you can never tell with the Balkans, these days.

For once, this scenario of mine

is not an idle fancy. I could make it happen. All I have to do is send \$200 and my photograph to an outfit in Akron, Ohio. called Personal Promotions Inc., and they will send me, by return of post, something with which I can post things of my own, ie 20 sheets, of 48 stamps each, with my face (and name) on, professionally serrated and pre-gummed in a choice of three flavours, mint, fruit, or natural. I can then lick me. stick myself beside Her Majesty (since I am not of course legal Royal Mail tender), and pop us both in the post, thinking, as I do so, "how much it will improve my standing in the business community. and impress family and friends."

I am sorely tempted. My standing in the business community has never been particularly high, and I have every confidence that it would take an exponential leap upward, once the recipients of my letters had somehow managed to persuade themselves that I was not a clueless sap who could be suckered into sending \$200 to anyone offering to serrate him and coat the back of his skull in raspberry

glue. Similarly, my family and friends would. I know, be knocked out by the thought that they actually knew someone into whose left ear the Queen could be compelled to peer. That some of them might come to the conclusion that what Her Majesty was doing was examining my head in response to its patent need, I do not for a moment believe.

All that remains for me to do, it would seem, is to work out the sort of expression I should like to have on my stamp, and pose for the snapshot accordingly. But it is not quite as easy as that: if I may return to my earlier observations, why choose but one expression when several might be called for? For my bank manager. say, a jutting jaw and a confident eye could be just the ticket, whereas Christmas cards would seem to demand a cheery grin and a funny hat; though this would clearly not be the thing at all for a complaint to the Gas Board, or a condolence note to someone whose dog had just run under a bus.

i should think a thousand bucks would cover it. That would bring me five bundles of 960 stamps each, once I have popped into the nearest booth and struck my assorted poses. Alternatively, I could simply strike a different pose altogether and stick the photograph on a letter to Akron informing them that I shall not be doing anything with their wonderful offer. I have not yet arrived, mind, at the ideal expression for conveying what I think they should do with it, but I'm working on it.

Lamont eschews the E-word

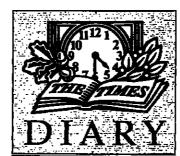
SSSH. Don't mention the Exchange Rate Mechanism. Or even European and monetary union. Especially if you are the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It seems that after the dramas of Black Wednesday Norman Lamont cannot bring himself even to utter the fateful acronym. ERM.

Tonight in Brighton Lamont delivers the annual lecture to the Conservative Political Centre, under the title, Europe: A Community not a Super State. "He may tinker further but the omissions are astonishing." says one observer who has seen the text. "There is no mention of the ERM and scant attention to EMU. It is remarkably dever and diplomatic." In the course of the 60 minute address, EMU, in fact, is referred to in just two sentences.

That Lamont can make a speech about the future of Europe without mentioning the most contentious elements of European union will further reinforce the suspicion that the Chancellor is a Euro-sceptic and that if anyone should carry the can for the failed policy it is Douglas Hurd rather than

Such a view is given further

credence by news of a deep split among the ranks of the special advisers who serve the Cabinet. Last week they met to discuss how the subject of Europe should be handled at the party conference. The meeting ended with a bad tempered stand-up row between Maurice Fraser, Hurd's special adviser and a confessed Eurofanatic, and Jeremy Mayhew, who is special adviser to Peter Lilley and is known to be close to Lamont. "There was blood on the carpet, to say the least," says another special



adviser who witnessed the row. "If this is what is going on in cabinet there is no hope for us at all."

Backroom boys

JOHN Major's vision of a classless society does not extend to hotel accommodation. While Major is living in style at the £1.000-a-night presidential suite at the Grand Hotel, Tory Central Office has been forced to cut back on the lifestyle of its staff in Brighton. Major's suite boasts five elegantly furnished rooms, including a master suite with a four-poster bed, dining room and sitting room. Party workers are less lucky. Their number has been cut by half because of the parlous state of the party's finances. But while Tory MPs may be falling out with each other in public, the Central Office apparatchiks are getting on better than ever. The economy drive has forced them to share £50-a-night hotel rooms further down the seafront.

• With timing worthy of Dario Fo, the Post Office has chosen next week to launch its new stamp to celebrate the single European market. The single 24p stamp has been designed by David Hockney and shows a yellow star on an ultramarine background. The stamp will be launched at the 1853 Gallery in Bradford, which is hosting an exhibition of Hockney's work. Hockney

himself will not be present but his 92 year-old mother Laura, his brother Paul. his sister Margaret and the family dog Barney, all of whom live in the area will put in an appearance. "I don't think we are inviting many Europeans but we will have lots of people," says a spokeswoman for the Post Office.



The frighteners

HAVING raised more than £12,000 from the platform of the Tory Party conference last year Jeffrey Archer, now Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, has stepped down from the role. Tim Rice, following his former musical partner Andrew Lloyd-Webber in championing the Tory cause, is stepping into Archer's shoes for the first

It will be Rice's second public outing in Tory colours; his first was to host a "John Major meets the people" event during the general election. Rice, who has never spoken to the Tory conference before, is understandably nervous about performing as the prime minister's warm-up act and has turned to Archer for help. "I was happy to let Tim take over. It is great fun. But it

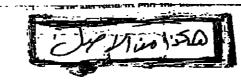
can be nerve-racking with the entire cabinet looking on." says the best-selling author. Last year, Archer says, he found an easy way to persuade people to part with their money. "I listed each member of the shadow cabinet in turn. If the Kaufmans and Hattersleys were worth pound coins and perhaps the odd fiver, by the time I got to Neil Kinnock the tenners were pouring into the collection tins." Whether the names of Blair, Brown and Smith can strike similar terror in true blue hearts we will learn on Friday morning.

In veritas, vino

THE FLOWERS that are the decorative mainstay of churches throughout Britain took second place to baskets of grapes in the city of London yesterday as the wine trade celebrated the vintage ar St Olave's church. After a sermon by the Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, and a reading from Lord Marchwood, president of the wine and spirit trades' benevolent society, wine was served from a side chapel.

Are such bacchanalia not a little, well, inappropriate on hallowed ground? "Far from it," says Brigadier Keith Olds, of the society. "Historically churches were the only halls large enough to cater for such community events."

• Despite the much quoted phrase "never act with children, dogs or Denholm Elliott", the late lamented actor was always in much demand. One of the very few who failed to appreciate his talents was George Bernard Shaw. As a young man Elliott was cast in Shaw's last play, Buoyant Millions. "He definitely didn't like me," Elliott once reminisced. "Shaw shouted at me: 'My words are made to be heard, young man, and I can't hear a word you're saying".





LAMONT'S LAST STAND

Tomorrow morning, when he addresses the Conservative Party conference in Brighton. Norman Lamont has an excellent chance to save his job. He can also save the jobs of many thousands of his fellow citizens. He may even rescue some of his reputation.

With such inducements before him, Mr Lamont ought to be able to announce a new economic policy to replace the fixed exchange rate strategy that failed three weeks ago. If Mr Lamont is planning immediate changes, preparing a cut in interest rates and a credible programme to reduce public borrowing and spending, he deserves to continue as Chancellor. If, however, he feels unable to lead the country in a new direction, he should be preparing to resign.

There is no need for the Chancellor to announce the details of his new monetary targets or to explain exactly which public spending programmes will be cut. What Britain needs to hear tomorrow is a clear statement of objectives, and the means for achieving them. The main objectives must be to stimulate an early recovery from the recession and to ensure that recovery does not provoke a new bout of inflation.

There should be no question of making either recovery or price stability the "overriding objective". If the Chancellor does not think that both can be attempted at once, if he insists that the government must have an "absolute" commitment to fighting inflation, he cannot stay in office. After September 16, nobody is going to believe that one of his objectives is "absolute".

The means of achieving these objectives should be equally clear. The new economic policy should have four main components. Interest rates must be set in accordance with the needs of the domestic economy, and not the level of sterling. With interest rates redirected to stimulating the economy, and the exchange rate left to market forces, the main burden of anti-inflation policy must fall on government decisions about public borrowing and spending.

Monetary targets must also be announced either the confidence or the authority to do to offer some reassurance against gross that, he should recognise his failings and go.

policy misjudgments. But the Chancellor must acknowledge publicly that no single monetary indicator is ever going to be a foolproof guide through the constantly changing complexities of economic events.

To demonstrate the seriousness of its commitment to fighting inflation, the government should impose a freeze on public sector pay. That would make far more impression on the financial markets and private employers than a hundred monetary targets and promises to stabilise sterling.

The Chancellor could easily make such a statement of principles tomorrow, with no need for further Treasury briefings and no danger of putting the delegates in Brighton to sleep. The concept at the heart of the package — that a domestically-oriented policy of low interest rates should be balanced by the anti-inflationary effect of tight fiscal targets — almost certainly accords with Mr Lamont's personal instincts.

But on its own a statement would not be enough. Government credibility is weak, and there is no reason why the public should believe mere promises of lower interest rates in exchange for public spending curbs. Business and consumer confidence have collapsed as a result of the devaluation. His own fellow Cabinet ministers have sabotaged the Chancellor's efforts to explain the potential benefits of a lower pound. The Treasury argues that the fall in the exchange rate has been equivalent to a monetary easing, but this benefit has probably been more than offset by waning confidence.

With ministers warning that interest rates may even have to rise to defend sterling, mere words from the Chancellor would make little impression on the public, the business community or the financial markets. Mr Lamont must show that he still has the power to make decisions, and that the Prime Minister backs him against the counsels of despair from Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke. There is one way he can do this: by quickly announcing another cut in interest rates. If Mr Lamont lacks either the confidence or the authority to do that, he should recognise his failings and go.

THE TORY SPLIT

There seemed a danger yesterday that Lord Tebbit would win himself a longer ovation at the Tory party conference than John Major will receive on Friday. If the Conservative leadership needed any proof of the strength of opinion against Maastricht among its members, the reception accorded to Lord Tebbit provided it. It was the former chairman who had his arms in the air like an American presidential candidate; it was the current prime minister, and his grey eminence, Douglas Hurd, who sat on the platform like men drained.

Yesterday's rumbunctious debate recalled the great Labour and Liberal party rows over nuclear disarmament. Shout of "Rubbish!" (and worse) greeted many speakers, feet were drummed on the floor and even the foreign secretary was heckled. The mere announcement that a representative was to speak in favour of the motion won a collective hiss from the floor. If the matter had not been so serious, the debate could have been enjoyed as pantomime.

The Tories, mirroring the whole country, are riven right down the middle over Europe. If the sceptics were perhaps marginally outnumbered by those standing behind the government, they made up for it by the strength of their feeling. The loudest cheers from the floor greeted calls not to ratify Maastricht, but to hold a referendum and for the government to allow a free vote on the

Mr Major is lucky that many of his fiercest critics, including his predecessor and Lord Tebbit, are now ensconsed in the Lords. But yesterday Kenneth Baker set out his anti-Maastricht stall at a fringe meeting. He hinted that he will vote against the bill, thus offering himself as leader of the rebels. The debate, he said, was not between pro- and anti-Europeans, but between those who want Europe at any price and those who want Europe at the right price.

Mr Hurd offered the doubters little consolation in his speech. He repeated that subsidiarity and greater openness would be discussed at next week's Birmingham summit. Otherwise he appealed only to pragmatism. Adoption of the Maastricht treaty, he said, was not a matter of principle. The party must not split over Europe as it once did over the corn laws and tariff reform. Dropping Maastricht would mean dishonour for Mr Major, and no British prime minister could thereafter carry conviction. A referendum, he said, would undermine parliamentary democracy.

The foreign secretary sat down after his speech looking as if he had been wrung through a mangle. He deserved the opprobrium. He had shown scant repect for the feelings of those who disagreed with him. He had insulted Lord Tebbit, who made by far the best speech of the debate, by suggesting that he must have been working from an earlier version of the treaty. Even his pragmatic arguments carried little weight with much of the audience.

To them Maastricht is a sure matter of principle, perfectly suited to a referendum. Mr Hurd's case against one was specious. Parliamentary democracy was not undermined by the 1975 poll on Britain's membership of the Community. And while it might be dishonourable for Mr Major simply to drop the treaty, having signed up to it last year, he could easily hold a referendum, like the Danes, the Irish and the French. His honour would then remain intact whatever the result.

If the country voted for Maastricht, Mr Major would have won a great victory. If it voted no, the prime minister could not be blamed and would at least gain credit for having given the people a voice. Moreover, a referendum would minimise the political costs of divisions in the Tory party which, whatever Mr Hurd says, will not go away.

THE TENTH PLANET

The discovery of a new planet puts earthlings and their sublunary concerns in their places. As planets go, the one that has just swum into the ken of watchers of the skies at the University of Hawaii, is not much to write home to Galileo about. It has a diameter of only the distance from London to Liverpool, when the M6 is not coned off.

It is dark with an eternal permafrost colder than anything imaginable on Earth, lying in cold storage in the top drawer of the solar system's deep freeze. Its colour appears reddish to the astronomical instruments, suggesting that its surface is rich with the primordial organic matter. It revolves around the sun only once every 262 years. Its brightness is 6 million times fainter than anything that can be seen with the naked eye, so that it can be observed only by megatelescopes at just the precise moment, when the Moon is full. This is not so much a planet as a twinkling of a huge lens, or, in the jargon of the trade, a planetesimal.

Nevertheless, for astronomers if not for Keatsian sky romantics, this is the most exciting celestial discovery since Pluto in 1930, or the sighting in 1801 of the first member of the asteroid belt, the thousands of little planets between Mars and Jupiter.

This is not Planet X, the tenth planet that is implied by irregularities in the orbits of the other nine. But, invisible to laymen though it is, floating 6,000 million kilometres away in space, this is the most distant object in the solar system yet to be identified by man. There is a good bet that it is the first of a belt

of icy little planets, which the Dutchman, the late Gerard Kuiper, predicted would be found out there, beyond Pluto, as the debris from the birth of the universe, when a disk of gas and dust condensed to form the sun and the planets. One of the sighters of the new planet suggests that it may be one of "the primordial building blocks of the planets; that would be real neat".

Astronomy of the past decade has been more than neat: it is breathtaking. At present the new planet is named 1992 QB1, though its discoverers want to call it Smiley, after the elusive master spy in John le Carré's thrillers, whom they were discussing at the

time it swam into view.

The naming of planets is a mystical business. The nine seen so far have been named after the mythical gods and goddesses of Greece and Rome. When Herschel discovered his planet, he named it Georgium Sidus, in honour of George III. It

soon became Uranus of problematic pronunciation. The first asteroid to be discovered was named for Ceres, after the patron saint of Italy.

If there are indeed, as supposed by astronomers, thousands of little planets in this long-suspected but only just discovered Kuiper Belt, the fallout from the beginning of the universe, there may not be enough deities even from terrestrial polyheism to supply names for them all. So there will be a chance of immortality up towards the stars for many a stealthy character from fact and fiction, in the starsteps of Arethusa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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UK 'blind eye' to Azeri racism

From Lord Avebury and others

Sir. During the August conference on the former Yugoslav states, the whole world condemned the atrocious crime of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia and Croatia. Although they have not been able to stop the Serbians, who are the main perpetrators, the United Nations have tightened sanctions against them and increased their military presence in the territories affected. The secretary-general of the United Nations and the prime minister have both forcibly and rightly condemned ethnic cleansing.

We are deeply concerned, therefore,

we are deeply contented, therefore, to learn that the president of the Board of Trade, Mr Michael Heseltine, recently took a high-level business delegation to Baku, where BP have opened an office (report, Business News, October 1). In a press statement about his trip, Mr Heseltine said: "I want to see the UK play a leading role in assisting the development of the Azeri economy..."

The Azerbaijan government is actively engaged in ethnic cleansing of the Armenian enclave of Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia itself; it brutally deported villagers from Nagorno Karabakh last year; it used GRAD multiple rocket faunchers, and recently SU25 and MiG fighter bombers, against Armenian civilians.

In this case, however, the UK government appears to be giving aid and comfort to the racist oppressors. British support of the Azeri government amounts to tacit acceptance of its inhuman policies, and will encourage it to continue massmurdering Armenians, knowing it is immune from criticism because we want Azeri business. This could encourage other aggressors to grab territory when they see that, for Britain, valuable trade takes precedence over human rights.

True British interests are never

served by turning a blind eye to oppression and cruelty.

Yours faithfully.

Yours faithfully, AVEBURY (Chairman, Parliamentary Human Rights Group), CAROLINE COX, DAVID ATKINSON, Palace of Westminster. October 2.

Opera house report

From the Chairman of the Royal Opera House

Sir, The board of the Royal Opera House commissioned Price Waterhouse early this year to carry out a scrutiny of working practices in the house because we are determined to match artistic excellence with good housekeeping.

Our consultants' report is thorough and constructive and we shall implement it. Their conclusions, however, show more understanding of the purposes of the Royal Ballet and the Royal Opera than does your leader, "Operatic fantasy" (October 2).

The fact that big changes have been well aired in the press" does not automatically validate them. There is no suggestion either in Price Waterhouse or Lady Warnock's appraisal that we should relimquish our orchestra, chorus and corps de ballet and perform on a seasonal basis only.

Such measures might well satisfy market economics, but they have little to do with the proper stewardship of the Royal Opera House. If introduced they would dismantle the means by which our companies have earned their world-wide reputation and brought credit to this country. The effect of your prescriptions on the Royal Ballet would be to destroy it. Efficiency in management does not mean losing sight of the artistic purposes and needs of the companies

and we do not intend to do so.

We share with you. Sir, a strong desire to see more affordable seat prices at Covent Garden. Disappointingly, Lady Warnock's appraisal does not advocate such a policy. Broadcasting and external performances are excellent in themselves, but they should not be treated as a substitute for greater accessibility in the Opera

House.

That must remain one of our principal aims, together with maximum efficiency in the use of resources and the maintenance of the artistic standards which both reports acknowledge.

Yours faithfully, ANGUS STIRLING, Chairman, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2.

From Mr Adam Westoby

Sir, I do not pretend to understand the proper distribution of noughts in public support for the arts, but pending Covent Garden's £250 million redevelopment in 1997, perhaps £2,000 or so could be earmarked for a retracting wheelchair lift at the Floral Street entrance. It could be installed in an afternoon.

Yours faithfully, ADAM WESTOBY (Member), London Wheelchair Access Committee, 75 Chambers Lane, NW10. October 3.

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Euro-sceptics and the Conservative policy divide

Yours faithfully,

The Bruges Group,

63 Duke Street, W1.

(Member).

October 1.

modern world.

alternative leader.

mess of pottage.

September 30.

nomic restraint

Your obedient servant,

124 Lady Byron Lane,

From Sir Ian McGeoch

PATRICK ROBERTSON

(Co-ordinator).
CHRISTOPHER MONCKTON

From Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark

Sir. As an MP for over 13 years in the

Conservative cause, who was always

willing to make a stand on what I

considered vital issues, I appreciate

the stand that some members are taking on the Common Market problem: but I have to say that some of

their language is not only hyperbole

Anybody, not just Conservatives,

should be a sceptic about great power being given to any organisation — not

least to Brussels. That is one thing:

Euro-phobia is different altogether,

and it is not frankly sustainable in a

John Major has shown that he is as

much a sceptic as any of us and is

fighting sensibly for sensible changes:

I must say to my former Conservative

colleagues that I would rather fight in

the jungle alongside him than any

Knowing the prime minister as I do.

regard it as unlikely that he would

stay just to retain power. He is not that

kind of man or leader, and if he went I

believe that a Conservative govern-

ment would fall with him. What

would then take their place would make the Euro-phobes have something really to howl about — and the

I urge them not to sink their

principles, for there is no need, nor to

sink the party and the country for a

ANTHONY BEAUMONT-DARK.

Sir, With respect to Lord Cobbold

(letter, October 5) I wish to question

the wisdom of seeking to re-divide the

nation, politically, into "European" and "nationalist" parties. We are

facing a crisis just as severe as, and not

altogether different in character from

that of the early 1930s. Then, our

leaders sought to unite rather than

divide the country. Our unique pol-

itical process served to provide a

national government which, though

not particularly talented, was strong

enough to retain the consent of the

governed to severe measures of eco-

In recent times the truce between

capital and labour has been bought at

too high a price. Only a national

government could impose the cuts in

Knowle, Solihull. West Midlands.

but damaging to a sensible debate.

recession. At worst, it represents a

source of internal and external conflict

which not only has isolated Britain but

has led to the worst relations with our

Community partners in recent mem-

From Dr J. M. Wober

Sir, Your report (October 5) on the poll showing that 68 per cent of the British public would vote "against ratification of Maastricht" begs the vital questions of who knows what the treaty contains and to what extent that knowledge may affect a "yes" or "no" verdict.

Unless polls are used to shed some light on why people have their various opinions, as well as on what those opinions are, and who holds them, they may function as "loose cannons amidst the political process. The same point was made by your correspondent Sir John Killick (September 22), after the French referendum. I hope your next poll will take note.

Yours sincerely.
MALLORY WOBER.
Flat c, 17 Lancaster Grove, NW3.

From Mr Patrick Robertson and Mr Christopher Monckton

Sir, Your leader, "Ending the Euroschism" (September 29), concludes that if the prime minister promises to keep sterling out of any European currency system the Euro-sceptics should consent to ratify the "filleted corpse of Maastricht". Yet the monetary provisions of the Maastricht treaty, economically damaging though they are, represent less of a threat to Britain's democratic con-

stitution than the political provisions.

The Foreign Secretary and Mr
Tristan Garel-Jones, by saying that
Maastricht is a "decentralising"
treaty, have improperly manipulated
public opinion. The truth is that
Maastricht would increase the number of common European policies
from 12 to 29, thereby giving the
European Commission and the central bank the sole power to initiate
(and hence veto) Community legislation in more than 70 additional fields.

These include taxation, monetary policy and coinage, education, home affairs, immigration and visas, judicial policy, health and social affairs, industrial, competition, R & D, commercial and regional policies, foreign and security affairs, Third World aid, energy policy and consumer affairs.

Furthermore, the Maastricht small print reveals that the Community's decision-making power is stacked in favour of the Commission, most of whose proposals may be agreed by a mere majority vote in the Council of Ministers, but may only be amended by unanimity.

Some of the most far-reaching yet least-discussed aspects of the treaty are the articles which establish "European citizenship", and which oblige member states to "refrain from any action which is contrary to the interest of the

At best, the Maastricht treaty is a perverse diversion from the critical choices which the government has yet to face with regard to the economy and the Gatt world trade talks, the successful conclusion of which must be the top priority for a Britain in deep

Criminal Justice Act

of Chief Officers of Probation

From the Chair of the Association

Sir, Clearly, the Criminal Justice Act

1991 was long overdue if the reactions

you report are representative ("Police

chiefs join attack on new law".

October 1). It has taken the sledge-

hammer of legislation to bring to the

attention of some services the respon-

and effective criminal justice system.

sibility they have to contribute to a just

The comments made by repre-

sentatives of chief police officers

appear to go well beyond their own remit, while ducking their respons-

ibilities to other agencies. Information

held by the police about the previous records of offenders should, properly.

be made available to all those,

including probation officers, who may

legitimately use it to contribute to the

It is not the private property of the police services. Probation officers can-

not be expected to provide reports to

the courts about the safe resettlement

of offenders in the community without

Sources quoted in your report seem

anxious to comment, on behalf of

probation services, about shortage of

resources and delays caused by the

new demands made upon us. The

truth is that additional funds have

access to this information.

judicial process

been provided for work created by the act and we hope that promises of further expansion in the next two years will not be affected adversely by current economic problems. The success of the act, and the cost-effectiveness of the criminal justice system, could be at stake if these promises are not met.

Dire predictions about the effect of industrial action, threatened by the National Association of Probation Officers, are also exaggerated. At worst, this action would prevent introduction of the new provisions of the act. If pre-sentence reports were not prepared, offenders would be sent into custody instead of receiving community sentences.

These negative reactions to the act, while disappointing, are predictable. Radical change is needed to reduce the costly and, sometimes, downright dangerous effects of our present dependence on custodial sentences. Such major changes are usually difficult and, therefore, unwelcome. The squeals of protest may be a clear signal that this act could make a difference.

Yours sincerely.
JENNY ROBERTS, Chair,
Association of Chief Officers
of Probation,
3-4 Shaw Street, Worcester.
October 2.

Judges' pensions From Mr Christopher Thomas, QC

Sir. Lord Ackner's letter (September 25) identifies a point of even wider concern than the decrease in judicial remuneration. Your paper has not been alone in carrying comment on the retiring ages of judges and the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Bill must have a practical impact on them.

To increase from 15 to 20 years the minimum period of judicial service for entitlement to a full pension must surely increase the likelihood of an older judiciary in the future. The advancement to full pensionable entitlement over the years must also be influential.

A pensions expert or actuary may more accurately predict the impact on the age of the judiciary but the effect of the additional five-year period ought to be generally apparent.

Whilst the appointment of judges

Whilst the appointment of judges earlier may be advanced as a policy, it would seem to be negated in reducing

the overall age of the judiciary in years to come if the proposal becomes law.

If society is regarded as better served by a younger judiciary then this aspect should also attract antention in the debate as to whether the bill should be

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, 10 Essex Street, Outer Temple, WC2.

From Ms Sally Smith

reiexted.

Sir. What a heart-rending letter from Mr Stephen Gratwick, QC (September 29) about the "severe financial penalty" judges are suffering. I appreciate that with between £64,064 and £108,940 per annum it must be difficult to make ends meet. If this leads to judges having to resort to bribery, as Mr Gratwick warns might happen, we have nobody to blame but ourselves for being so "parsimonious".

Yours sincerely.
SALLY SMITH,
61 Outwoods Drive,
Loughborough, Leicestershire.

expenditure without which the books cannot be balanced; and unless that can be rapidly achieved Britain's voice in the councils of Europe and the world in general will not be heard.

May I suggest also that the main business of these councils should once again be confined strictly to

a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous and balanced expansion, an increased stability, an accelerated raising of the standard of living and closer relations between its member states (article 2, Treaty of Rome).

In particular, what seems to be needed is the development and application of a system for the regulation of markets which might be termed the "automatic limitation of excess". The technical means now available, with which vast financial transactions, global in extent, are daily carried out must surely be utilised to bring about and maintain a "steady state".

Yours faithfully, IAN McGEOCH, Southerns. Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex. October 5.

From Mr Martyn Bond

Sir, Graham Mather ("A Maastricht repair kit", October I) emphasises the need to ensure that national parliaments debate new proposals before they become EC law. in order to "make EC-wide political discussion meaningful and credible". EC-wide political debate is already alive and well in the European Parliament, meeting in plenary session in Strasbourg each month and in its 19 specialist committees in Brussels.

The European Parliament welcomes steps to strengthen the scrutiny of national governments' European activities by national parliaments. It also encourages increased co-operation between national parliaments and the European Parliament. But we should be careful not to ignore what has already been achieved. We need to strengthen the existing construction rather than dig new foundations.

Yours faithfully,

MARTYN BOND (Head, European Parliament UK Information Office), 2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1. October 1.

From Professor Kenneth Minogue

Sir, Graham Mather's suggestions for a Community policy are devalued by his use of the term "Euro-phobe" to cover people more commonly called "Euro-scepties".

Scepticism is an intellectual judgment, phobia a disorder of the passions. This kind of abuse is one barrier to intelligent discussion of our relations with Europe.

Yours sincerely, KENNETH MINOGUE (Chairman, Bruges Group), c/o H. M. Boyd, 63 Duke Street, WI. October 1.

Road hold-ups

From Mr Howard C. Friend

Sir. How succinctly Miss Annabel Frazer demonstrates (letter, October 1) the superiority of French to British life, as measured in the number of traffic cones between Paris and Calais and Dover and London.

However, my wife and I have just spent a fortnight's holiday which involved driving from London to Aberystwyth, then up to the western isles of Scotland, then back to London (a distance of well over 2,000 miles) without enduring a single delay caused by traffic cones.

I have also encountered some of the worst traffic delays of my life around Paris, Cologne and Munich without a single traffic cone to be seen.

Yours faithfully, HOWARD C. FRIEND, 12 Heathcote Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. October I.

From Mr John Suchet

Sir, Last June my wife and 1 drove from London to Bordeaux. Between London and Dover (M25 and M2, around 90 miles) we were held up 1 1 times by motorway repair works. (When it's that many, you do count, believe me.) We missed our ferry. Between Calais and Bordeaux (A1 and A10, over 400 miles) there was not a single hold-up, not a single cone. The difference, of course: the Eng-

The difference, of course: the English leg of the journey was free: the French leg cost around £30 in tolls. It seems to me you get what you pay for.

Yours faithfully, JOHN SUCHET, Chiltern Court, Baker Street, NWI. October 1.

From Mr D. P. Coleman

Sir. You do not see road works in France because the French simply close the road and send you miles (kilometres?) out of your way with a shrug of the shoulders and a pair of route barrée and déviation signs. Not content with that they allow hordes of tractors (we counted over 25 in 100 miles) on main roads as a further aggravation. Bring back the cones!

Yours faithfully, D. P. COLEMAN, 9 Elm Road, Wade Court, Havant, Hampshire. October 1.



COURT CIRCULAR

Mrs William Numbels

KENSINGTON PALACE October 6: The Princess of Wales this morning received the Minister

unveiled a portrait commis

KENSINGTON PALACE October 6: The Duke of Glouces-ter, Patron, the King Mahendra

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

UK Trust for Nature Conservation

today received Sir Arthur Norman

on relinquishing the appointment as Chairman of the Trust and

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple

on assuming the appointment.
The Duchess of Gloucester today

visited Merseyside and was re-ceived on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside

Her Royal Highness opened Tower Hill Enterprise Centre.

Shevingtons Lane, Kirkby and afterwards visited Grange Court Sheltered Housing Scheme. Grange Road, Wavertree, Later

for HMS Comwall.

BALMORAL CASTLE October 6: The Queen was represented by the Baroness Trump-ington, Baroness in Waiting, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir John Barnes, formerly Her Majesy's Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary at The Hague, which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 6: The Princess Royal this morning opened the International Public Works Conference and Exhibition at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire

(the Viscount Daventry). Her Royal Highness, President. National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, afterwards attended a Reception at the Young Farmers' Club Centre, National Agricultural Centre. Stoneleigh

The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon attended a Multi-Disciplinary Conference "Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities" at the Royal Court Hotel, Keresley, and was received by Her Maiesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford). Her Royal Highness, President,

British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, afterwards visited J. and J. Cash Limited, Coventry.

Today's royal

engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will

mony of the Birkhall steam engine

at the Grampian Transport Mu-seum. Alford. Aberdeenshire, at

The Princess of Wales will open Kevin Ryan Court. Heol S.O.

Davies, Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil, at 11.45; will open the

continuing care centre for the

terminally ill at the former Ponty-

As Patron of The Trust for Sick Children in Wales, the Princess

will open the children's centre at

East Glamorgan District Hospital

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will attend

the inauguration of the Conver

super-computing service at the London University Computer Centre at 10.30; will attend the GAP-International Projects for

Youth Exchange luncheon at the

House of Lords at 12.30 to mark

its 20th anniversary: and, as Patron of the British Executive

Service Overseas, will attend the

annual meeting at DTI Con-ference Hall. Kingsgate House. Victoria Street, at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as

Campaign, will meet branch

members and volunteers at the

campaign's headquarters at Providence Place, N1. at 3.00.

As Patron of the Foundation for

the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot

n aid of the foundation.

pridd Cottage Hospital at 1.15.

the Duchess of Gloucester opened the new extension at Plantation Junior and Infant School, Hollies Road. Halewood. Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

Service dinner

Colonels Commandant Artillery General Sir Martin Farndale. Master Gunner. St James's Park. presided at the annual dinner of the Colonels Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery held last night at the Royal Artillery Mess.

Dinner

Institution of Chemical Engineers Mr E.J. Bavister, President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers. and Mrs Bavister, welcomed members of the council and their ladies at a dinner held last night at St John's College, Cambridge.

Richard Nigel Haygarth

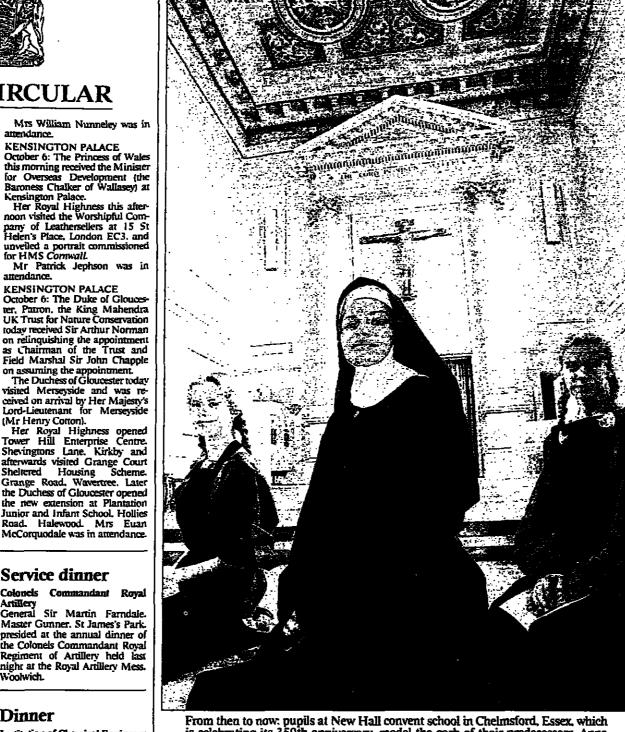
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Nigel Haygarth. Chairman of The Cricket Society 1983-1992. will be held on November 7, at 11.30am at St John's Wood Church, St John's Wood, London,

Peter Jenkins

The memorial service to celebrate the life of Peter Jenkins will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey on Monday, October 19. at 12 noon. All are welcome.

University news

Death Research and Support), the Duchess will attend the Inter-The Prince of Wales to be Patron of national Cot Death Bazaar at the the Rural History Centre and of its Appeal for Funds. Commonwealth Institute at 7.00



is celebrating its 350th anniversary, model the garb of their predecessors. Anna Starling, 12. left, and Zulika Joseph, 16, wear uniforms and Joanna Alston, 14, wears a sister's habit, all from the nineteenth century

Workmen find rare murals

ELEVEN rare wall paintings of Roman emperors have been found by workmen renovating a house at Brereton near Rugeley. Staffordshire (John Shaw writes).

Experts from the Courtauld Institute say the paintings date from the late sixteenth or early seventeenth centuries. They were probably done by an artist who had seen Italian renaissance engravings.

The paintings were uncovered by a plasterer working for a building firm converting Brereton Hall, a grade-two listed building, into housing. Peter Welford, of the

Courtauld Institute, said: There is no immediate parallel in this country. They are like portrait busts at frieze level round the walls and almost certainly had wooden panelling beneath them."

Kandinsky picture may sell for £5m at auction

By Sarah Jane Checkland

Russian abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky to his friend and stylistic sparring partner Paul Klee will be sold by Klee's grandson at Sotheby's in December. The auctioneers hope that

the power of the image, combined with the its historic associations will take the price to at least £5 million.

London yesterday for the un-veiling of "Sketch I for Composition VII", a vortex of swirling colour into which the occasional hard abstract shape has been injected.

Mr Klee explained how his Swiss-born grandfather had bartered one of his own works to acquire it from Kandinsky,

A PAINTING given by the and that he remembers it in the family's collection from childhood. The deep friendship and mutual admiration between Kandinsky and Klee were founded on a common philosophy of "the spiritual in art", and this image could well be seen as a representation of cosmic forces.

Kandinsky performed well during the recent art market Alexander Klee was in boom, despite the esoteric nature of his work, and his record rose in 1990 to \$20.9 million. Sotheby's expert David Nash said yesterday that he believed that in some respects the current painting is superior to the previous work. which was sold by the Guggenheim Museum in

Forthcoming ' marriages

Mr A.N. Deane and Miss H.L. Richardson The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Jeremy Deane, of Winchester and Mrs Joy Deane, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, and Holly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas H.

Richardson, of Highgate, London. Mr C.W.J. Dowding
and Miss S.R. Williams
The engagement is announced
between Charles, son of Mrs
Dowding and the late Mr C.J.
Dowding, of Shepton Montague,
Somerset, and Susan, daughter of
Lieutenant Commander and Mrs
C.T.D. Williams, of Tavistock,
Dewey

Mr A.F. Lechmere and Ms R.G. Goodrich The engagement is announced between Adam, third son of Mr and Mrs R.A.H. Lechmere, of Primeswell, Colwall, Hereford-shire, and Rosalind, third daughter of the Right Rev Philip and Mrs Goodrich, of Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury,

Mr C.J.G. Moore and Miss F.M.B. Rose

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr John L. Moore, of Castle Coombe. Wiltshire, and Mrs Clifford Haydn-Tovey, of Chariton, Wit-shire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Rose, of Plaxed,

Mr J.D. Shields and Miss L.M. Holloway The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Shields, of Penshurst, Kent, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Holloway, of Bramley, Surrey.

Captain M.C. Squance and Miss A.M. Streator The engagement is announced between Matthew Squance, 17th/ 21st Lancers, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Squance, of Taun-ton, and Abigail, younger daugh-ter of the Hon Edward and Mrs

Streator, of London. Lieutenant C.R. Stickland, RM, and Miss M.L. Powys Maurice The engagement is announced between Charles Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stickland, of Rolvenden, Kern. and Marysia Lucy. younger daughter of the late Captain M.C. Powys Maurice, RN, and of Mrs Michael Powys Maurice, of West Harting, West

Mr J.A. Watkins
and Miss L.D. Cattermole
The engagement is announced
between James, younger son of Mr
and Mrs W.A. Watkins, of York,
and Lisa, only daughter of Mr and
Mrs George Cattermole, of
Chelmsford. The marriage will
take place on January 9, 1993, in
Hong Kong.

Marriage

Mr B.E.N. O'Brien and Miss M.P.G. Pollock The marriage between Mr Nichoas O'Brien and Miss Miranda Pollock took place on October 3, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shoreham, Kent.

Dress for sale

A dress worn by Elizabeth Taylor Youth will come under the hammer at a showbusiness and sport memorabilia auction at Chirstie's

in London tomorrow. The Nolan Miller evening dress of scarlet satin is expected to raise up to £500. Two less conventional fashion items, though, are ex-pected to be more highly prized — the Vulcan ears worn by actor Leonard Nimoy in Star Trek VI are estimated at up to £800.

RHS Show

Ivy oasis cools fiery shades of autumn

By Alan Toogood, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A DISPLAY of ivies is creating a cool green oasis amid the fiery colours of autumn at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in

Westminster yesterday.
Possibly one of the largest collections staged at Westminster by the ivy specialists Fibrex Nurseries, of Pebworth, Warwickshire, the aim is to show the many ways ivies can be grown in gardens and the large range of cultivars, especially variegated kinds, available.

The ivies range from large adult kinds grown as shrubs (tree ivies), unfortunately not offered by Fibrex, to small and slow-growing kinds suitable for rock gardens, like Hedera helix 'Minima' with very tiny leaves and H. h. Conglom-

There are ivies cascading from tall containers, climbing up a pergola, and growing up canes as free-standing col-umns. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Much of the autumn leaf

colour is provided by bonsai (dwarfed trees), staged by Herons Bonsai Nursery, of Newchapel, Surrey. Japanese maples, cultivars of Acer palmatum, form the basis of the exhibit, including a 120 year old specimen, but there are numerous plants of Zelkova serrata, ranging from deep gold to flame shades.

The show is strong on tropical and sub-tropical plants and includes an impressive gold-medal display of cacti and succulents from Westfield Cacti, of Kennford,

Exeter. Spanish moss and many other grey-leaved air plants (atmospheric tillandsias), drip from a forest of tree branches - a mini rainforest staged by the Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, who gained a gold medal

Other gold-medal winners are the Hop Shop, of Sevenoaks, Kent (dried flower arrangements); and the Ravensbourne Floral Society, of Bromley, Kent (floral arrangement).

There are several fine exhibits of fruits and vegetables. The RHS has brought 101 cultivars of apples and pears from its garden at Wisley, Surrey, ranging from old ones like apple Pitmaston Pine Apple' (raised c. 1785) with small yellow pineapple-flavoured fruits, to new cultivars such as the promising Dutch dessert apple 'Elstar'.

Amateur fruit growers Joan and Douglas Bolingbroke, of Cirencester. Gloucestershire, and Gerald Edwards of Pinner, northwest London, have staged a collection of old and modern apples and pears, to show what can be achieved at home. All were grown on space-saving cordon trees.

A colourful display of vegetables from W. Robinson and

Sons, of Forton, Lancashire, which has been awarded a gold medal, features onion 'Mammoth Improved', the exhibitors' onion, deep golden-vellow squashes, and innatoes, from the huge beefsteak type 'Marglobe', to 'Yellow Currant' with long strings of grape-sized fruits.

In the RHS autumn fruit

and vegetable compension. N. D. H. Anglo, of West Harrow, northwest London, has won the class for six cultivars of hardy fruits; M. Tivey, of Long Eaton. Nottingham-shire, has gained the Riddel trophy for a collection of six kinds of vegetables, and John Ram, of north London, has won the class for four kinds of

In the British National Carnation Society's autumn show, the major trophy, the Daily Mail cup for most points in the six-bloom classes for perpetual-flowering carnations, has been won by a father and son team, Ian and Desmond Donaldson, of Dumfries. They also gained a silver medal card for the best vase of six blooms (warm pink 'Joanne's Highlight'). Mr W. H. Brown, of Beck-

enham. Kent, has won the Chinn stone lantern for most points in the Bonsai Kai competition. His 40-year-old Acer pseudoplatanus (sycamore) was judged best plant in the competition. ☐ The show, in the Horticul-

tural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Latest wills

Francis Scott McFadzean, Baron Other estates include (net, before McFadzean of Kelvinside, of Quarry Woods, Harlow, Bucks, Shell Transport and Trading, British Airways and Rolls-Royce, left estate valued at £755,670 net. Mr Leon Clore, of London SW3, film producer (The French Lieuwenant's Woman), left estate valued at £264,857 net.

Mr John Netterville Barron, of Fordingbridge, Hants, plastic sur-geon, left estate valued at £250,416 net.

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Vanessa Claire, daughter of
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SILVER **ANNIVERSARIES**

CARTER:STEFANO - On October 7th 1967 at St Nicholas', Bristol, John D. Carter to Patricla K. Stefano. Congratulations love from Mailhew. Rachel, Alex and

DEATHS

BOURDHLLON - On October 6th, John Francis, aged 78, suddenly in Lancing, Michigan USA, much loved husband of Frances and failher of Peter and Benedict. Stepfather of Barbara and Sally, Memorial Service will be announced later.

BROWN - On October 2nd. suddenly. Alan M Brown FEng. of Ripon. husband of Ray and failer of David, Liz. Shella and Rulh. Funeral, followed by burial. at All Saints Church. Learnington Haslings, we arvickshire. on Friday October 9th at 2 pm. No flowers please.

CATER - On October 6th 1992, peacefully in Surbition. William, aged 86 years. Joving husband of Molly: much loved father of Paul. Funeral Service will lake place on Thursday October 18th 11.15 am. Surbition Hill Methodial Church, followed by interment at Long Ditton Cemetery. 12 noon Family flowers only. Enquirtes to F.W. Poline. 10811 399-2060

DEATHS CHALMERS - On October
4th, suddenly at her home
Nether Heyford,
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Ann Bonham & Son, W.G.
Ward, Funeral Directors, 71
St Ciles Street, Northampion,
NN1 1JF, tel: 106041 34368

COUSSINS - On October 3rd. suddenly at home, aged 78. Harry, dearly loved hisband of Hilda, father of Sally and Alison and grandfather of James, Sarah and William Donations if desired to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution iR N.L.1.. 202 Lambeth Road, SE1 7JW.

EDMENSON - On October 6th 1992, peacefully at home in Newcastle. County Down. Walter Alexander, aget 99. Dearly loved husband of the lale Dorb, father of the late Walter and Elizabeth, grandfather of Michael and Rose. Funeral Service at St. Johns. Newcastle. on Rose, Funeral Service at St Johns, Newcasile, on October 8th at 11.30 am Private cremation at Roselawn at 5 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, 10A Hamilton Road, Bangor BT20 4LE.

EDWARDSON - On Monday October 5th, peacefully at home after much pain, Florence Edith aged 89, Dearly loved wife of John, devoted mother of Michael and Janet. Cremation at Galets; Wood Crematorium on Monday October 12th at 1.50 pm. Family flowers only but donallors if desired naay be sent to The British Heart Foundation (/o Mr P Thompson, Ash Tree Farm Beausale, Warwick CV35 7NZ

ELLMAN - On October 6th 1992, Vera, widow of the late Harry Ellman, peacefully at Nuffleid Hospital. Enfeld. She will be sadly missed and atwars remembered with love and affection by her daughter Susan. 50n Roger. 50n In-law Leon and grandson Andrew.

GRIMES - On Ortober 4th, at home. Dr. Shella Margarel aged 56, wife of Bernard and mother of John and Kate. Cremation at Mortlake Cremationium on Friday Ortober 9th at 10 am. Family flowers only. Donallons to Cancer Research.

JOHNSON - On October 6th
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KING - On October 2nd 1992.
Elspeth Grace Susan Isusani King. aged 86. In Alfriston. Sussen. heloved wife of Ambrose King. Requiem Mass at Seaford Catholic Church on Tuesday October 13th at 11 am. followed by buriat at Seaford Cometery. No flowers by request. Friends intending to be present isindity inform Seaford Funeral Service, letiox231 893889

DEATHS LOWE - On October 4th at Highires Lodge.
Lentwardine. Herefordshire
Bert Raymond Lowe O.B.E.,
formerly Assistant
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Memorial Service at St Mary
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NORDAL - On October 2nd 1992, Torben, dear brother of Vibeke, peacefulls Funeral at Breakspear Cremalorium, Russip, on Friday October 9th 1992 at

THORPE - On October 6th
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Papa of Joanna, Bruce,
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Edward, Funeral Service at
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collection at the service. LOWE - On October 4(h. Basil Ernest, aged 71 years, after a long filmess, withstood incredibly bravely.

OWTRAM - On Monday October 5th 1992, peacefully at Newland Hall. Bay Horse. Lancaster. Major Thomas Cary Owtram M.C. in his 100th year. Beloved husband of the lale Glofa Vivian Owtram and Jather of Gillian de Zuluela. Funeral Service at Si Mark's Church, Dolphinholme. near Lancaster. on Saturday October 10th at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to Newland Hall. Enquiries to Preston Ireland Bowker. 20b Queen Street. Lancaster. let: (0524) 64023.

RAWSON - On October Sin. Beryl Jean Harr sy, suddenly at home, Kavalla, Muuchime, Scolland Much loved wife of Ur. Donald Rawson, devoted mother of Michael and Jennifer and grandmother of Colln and Fiona.

RUFFELL - On September 26th in Brisbane, Australia. after a short illness. Collin. much fored husband of Daphne. Will be saddly missed by family and many friends from West Africa. Switzer-land. Australia and the U.K.

WATSON - On October 2nd, peacefully at Eastbourno. The Reverend John T. Watson, aged 88 years, beloved failher of Brenda. John and Datid, Former Ceneral Secretary of The Bible Society. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium will take place on Friday October 9th at 11.30am, to be followed by a Thanksghing Service at Eastbourne Central Methodist Church at 12.30pm. All friends will be welcome to allend both services. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Red Cross Africa in Crisis Fund, The M.C.O.D. or The Bible Society C/o R. Buller & Sons, 5 Station Road, Hallsham, Sussex, let: (0525) 840086.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WESTERM - The funeral of Beatrice Florence will be held on Monday October 12th al Bedford Crematorium 3 pm and not as previously published.

MEMORIAL SERVICES SIMGLETON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Edward (Tim) Singleton will be held at St Michael LEGAL NOTICES

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WESTLEY - On October 4th
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Joan Marion. formerly of
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Funeral at Chichester
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No flowers Donations it desired
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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 16

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Bill "Tiger" O'Reilly, Australian spin bowier who took 144 test wickets, died on October 5 in Sydney aged 86. He was born in New South Wales on December 20, 1905.

BiLL O'Reilly was described by Sir Donald Bradman as the best bowler he ever faced, as singular a compliment as can ever have been paid by one cricketer to another. O'Reilly was also a man of large proportions, both physically and in terms of personality. His sobriquet was "Tiger" and tigerish he was, whether bowling his leg breaks and googlies or standing up for those things which he deemed to be best in life and most precious about the game of cricket.

Like his friend and bowling part-ner, Clarrie Grimmett, O'Reilly was not remotely athletic, and he owed little or nothing to special coaching. Born at White Cliffs, a lonely outpost in western New South Wales, he was the son of a schoolmaster, a profession which he was to follow himself until he took to writing about cricket. It was not until he moved to Sydney in his late teens that he played much cricket, and he was 26 by the time he won a regular place first in the North Sydney grade team and then, almost immediately, in the New South Wales state side.

Perhaps because of his size - he was 6ft 3ins tall and broad with it he tried to bowl fast as a schoolboy; but he was erratic enough at that to change to a slower pace in the search for greater accuracy and to become the bowler Australia's opponents feared most of all in the 1930s. His long fingers, the first two wrapped round the ball, the others pressed against the palm of his hand, helped

to make him the spinner he was, and his demeanour was consistently hostile. At times, after a long spell, he wore the skin off the top knuckle of his third finger, which he used for

developing the leg spin. When O'Reilly and Bradman first played against each other, in up-country cricket, Bradman formed no great opinion of him. Even after his metamorphosis into a spinner efforts were made to change O'Reilly's action. After a bounding, flailing, seemingly uncoordinated approach to the crease, he stooped in the delivery stride and showed more of his chest to the batsman than pleased the purists. But that was the way he wanted it, and batsmen found the almost grotesque contortions with which they were confronted scarcely less disconcerning than the pace at which O'Reilly's leg break came through the air or the bounce which

his googlie generated off the pitch.
Having played once, unsuccessfully, for New South Wales in 1927-28
he was not heard of again until the
Australian summer of 1931-32, whereupon he stormed upon the scene. His first Test match for Australia, their fourth against South Africa that season, was only his sixth first-class match, and by the time Grimmett had claimed 14 wickets there were not many left for O'Reilly. However, it was the start of a slow bowling partnership to compare with any in the history of the game. More than 30 years later O'Reilly and Grimmett were still together. Grimmett half the size of his old brother-in-arms, sitting next to each other in the press boxes of Australia. O'Reilly played in four series (19 Test matches) against England, in which he took 102 wickets at 25.36 a



piece. In the first of them, the bodyline series of 1932-33, he was much Australia's most successful bowler. As importantly, this was a campaign which left all Australians a burning desire for revenge, which none felt more deeply than O'Reilly and his erstwhile "cobber" Jack Fingleton.

BILL O'REILLY

O'Reilly's first chance of exacting it came in England in 1934 when his 28 wickets contributed as much as Bradman's phenomenal batting to Australia's recovery of the Ashes. England's counterpart to Bradman was Walter Hammond, and the bowler in the world who

unsettled him more than any other was O'Reilly. Mainly by anacking Hammond on and around his offstump O'Reilly dismissed him ten times in the 19 Test matches that they played against each other. It was England's diminutive left-handers, Maurice Leviand and Eddie Paynter, whom O'Reilly found most difficult to bowl against.

At Headingley in 1934 O'Reilly dismissed C. F. Walters, R. E. S. Wyatt and Hammond in the same over. By contrast, at the Oval in 1938, where England scored 903 for 7 declared, he appealed for a gun with which to shoot the groundsman. O'Reilly's figures in England's only innings on that occasion were 85-26-

By the end of the second world war he was rising forty, and although he took 8 for 33 in his only Test match after that - against New Zealand at Wellington — it was to be his last first-class appearance. He had taken 144 wickets (average 22.49) in 27 Test matches and 774 wickets (average 16.60) in his whole career. He had to be hidden in the field, not an easy business, and his top score in 167 first-class innings was a blustery 56

In retirement he became known as an uncompromising defender of the old cricketing faith. His daily offerings in the Sydney Morning Herald were as forthright as his bowling. He viewed with a deadly hatred the Packer revolution and was equally intolerant of pyjama cricket. He was widely popular, occasionally cantankerous, instinctively witty, sometimes fiercesome and invariably defiant. In the end only the amputation of a leg seriously undermined his spirit.

APPRECIATIONS

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Allen Percival

WITH the death of Allen Percival (obituary, September 26), the profession of music therapy has lost one of its most devoted advocates, friends and supporters. He was a friend of music therapy since the early plans for a post-graduate training course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London.

In 1968 Allen, as principal of the Guildhall, he had the vision to invite Juliette Alvin to set up the first such course in this country. Such vision was a quality that touched all areas of his musical life including his work as teacher, publisher, conductor and administrator. Allen Percival was no musi-cal snob, relishing beautiful

moments in a song by Coward, an ensemble by Mozart or a piece of early keyboard music. He was always encouraging with his musical comments, giving the kind of attentive support to colleagues and students that showed and deep and genuine concern. His gifts as an administrator were impeccable, giving a great deal of time and energy to any project with which he was involved. He served the British Society for Music Therapy for many years as an honorary advisor and was a highly respected member of MusicSpace's Council of Management. Allen was in-strumental in helping MusicSpace to set up a national development strategy so that a network of music therapy centres could develop



His commitment to music therapy became more central to his life with his recent marriage to a leading figure in the field, Margaret Pickett. The combined talents of the Percivals gave pleasure to many people including the residents of the Dorset village of Charlton Hawthorne where they decided to live.

Arranging and composing music for the village pantomime was a musical task taken up with typical gusto and enthusiasm, each new song being previewed with delicious wit and natural

musicality.

We in the profession of music therapy shall miss him dearly. His was a unique yet modest voice and one that will continue to inspire his many devoted friends and colleagues.

> Dr Leslie Bunt The MusicSpace Trust

EDDIE KENDRICKS

Eddie Kendricks, American high tenor who achieved fame as the original lead singer with the Temptations vocal group in the 1960s, died of lung cancer in Birmingham, Alabama on October 5 aged 52. He was born in Union Springs, Alabama, on December 17, 1939.

WITH the exception of the Supremes, the Temptations were the most successful of the black harmony groups to emerge from the Motown stable. The group had its first No. I hit with "My Girl" in 1965, followed in the same year by "It's Growing" and "Since I Lost My Baby".

Like many black artists of his period, Eddie Kendricks grew up poor in Alabama and decided to go north to seek his fortune. Together with a baritone friend, Paul Williams, he scraped up enough money to get to Cleveland, Ohio, where they could stay with relatives. It was while singing there with a group called the Cavaliers that the pair met an agent who suggested they move to Detroit, which was rapidly becoming the hub of the pop music industry.

The move proved crucial. In Detroit, Kendricks and Williams met Otis Williams, another baritone, Eldridge Bryant, high tenor, and Melvin Franklin, bass. The five joined together to form the Primes quintet, which quickly



gained a loyal following among local fans. As the Primes they were signed up by the Motown organisation in 1960, and the group's name was changed to the Temptations soon afterwards. Bryant, who seemed to

be more interested in the ladies than his work, quickly dropped out and was replaced by David Ruffin, another high tenor. For several years success eluded them. Then, in 1965, the turning point came with their recording of "My Girl."

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ence: "Even the most superfi-

cial look at some regions of

Zimbabwe shows that they are

virtually continuous archaeo-

A reconstructed nineteenth-

century Shona village is

planned as a "living museum"

next to the ruins of Great

Zimbabwe, while Lobengula's

capital at Old Bulawayo

should serve the types of food

and drink that the Matabele

would have consumed in the

The scheme, developed by

the National Museums and

Monuments of Zimbabwe

(NMMZ), also proposes that

tourists should be able to

exchange modern currency for

Victorian trade goods, and then use these to buy curios

and refreshments. Staff

should wear traditional dress

modified if necessary for the

While Germany and Swe-

den are donating money, the

British Council plans to fund

students to in postgraduate

archaeology courses in the

Mr Addyman said there

was a threat to sites from

indiscriminate expansion of

tourism and called for careful

sake of propriety.

development.

logical landscapes."

The song shot to the top of the charts in the United States and was followed by four more hit singles: "It's Growing," "Since I Lost My Baby." "My Baby," and "Get Ready." Suddenly the Temptations had become, along with the female group the Supremes, the top money-earners for the Motown label. They embarked on a concert tour that drew capacity audiences throughout the US and

In 1971 Kendricks persuaded his long-time mentor Berry Gordy, the Motown recording chief, to let him branch out on a solo career. Unlike many group singers who tried the same route, Kendricks's run of success continued. His spine-tingling falsetto continued to ride high on the charts with a succession of albums and singles until the te 1970s when he switched lahels and signed up with Arista records. After that, Kendricks's

career seemed to lose steam, and his recordings were no longer certainties for success. But he continued to perform on the club circuit, and made a dramatic comeback in 1985 with his former Temptations partner David Ruffin. Together with rock stars Hall & Oates, the pair were nominated for a Grammy award that year, and sang "My Girl" before a world-wide television audience. Eddie Kendricks is survived by his parents and a

WILLIAM ATKINSON

Professor William Christopher Atkinson. director of the Institute of Latin-American Studies. Glasgow University, 1966-72, died on September 19 aged 90. He was born on August 9, 1902.

WILLIAM Atkinson who was appointed, in 1932, to the Stevenson Chair of Spanish at the University of Glasgow, was eventually to become one of the first among British university Hispanists to introduce into his department the study of Portuguese language and literature, and the history and literature of the countries of Latin America.

His experience and knowledge were recognised when he was chosen as adviser to a commission of five universities for the foundation in them of separate departments called Institutes of Latin American Studies. In addition to his Stevenson Chair of Spanish, he was made director of Glasgow University's Latin-American Institute. His writing and research reflect these

broad interests. He was born in Belfast where at the university he gained a first class honours degree in French and Spanish in 1924, and the degree of MA in 1925. In 1926 he was appointed as lecturer and head of the department of Spanish at the University of Durham, and was made dean of the faculty of commerce there for 1931-2. In 1932 he

was appointed professor of Spanish at Glasgow University where he remained in charge of the department, later called the department of Hispanic studies, until his retirement in 1972. He served as dean of the faculty of arts from 1944 to 1947. During the second world war he was appointed by the Foreign Office to work in Oxford the scrutinising and translating foreign newspapers and docu-ments. Between 1939 and 1943, the Foreign Office sent him on several missions to Spain and Portugal.

In 1955 he was appointed Carnegie Research Fellow in Latin America. Many of his students, from whom he demanded high standards, now hold academic posts in various universities in Britain and the Americas.

Among his publications are: Spain. A Briel History (1934) his translation of Spanish and Portuguese classics - The Lusiads of Camoens (1952), and The Remarkable Life of Don Diego (1958): A History of Spain and Portugal (1960); The Conquest of New Grana-da (1960): The Happy Captive (1977).In 1972 he was honoured by Portugal with the title of Commander of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator, for his services to that country.

Professor Atkinson, married to a former teacher from London, and father of four children, was a devoted family man.

Morris Carnovksy

nationwide.

MORRIS Carnovsky (objuary September 12) was a fine all-round actor, for many years a pillar of the American Group Theatre. If never a world famous star he certainly was one of the most versatile and interesting stage and screen actors of his time.

He was serious about the stage, but unlike many of his colleagues who practised "method acting", never self-consciously so. Professional to his finger-tips he played Shakespeare and Clifford Odets equally well, subduing his American sounding speech whilst playing Shylock (on Broadway opposite Katherine Hepburn's Portia in 1957) better than I have ever seen that role played elsewhere except by that other splendid actor. Ernest Milton, at the St James's Theatre London before the war.

Carnovsky's "erounding was with the renowned New York Theatre Guild and while still in his 20s he played for them in Shaw, Chekhov, Jonson and Pirandello amongst others — and Uncle Vanya himself before he was

The actor's stature was enhanced still further during the 1930s when he joined the Group Theatre and played a succession of middle-aged and

elderly characters in modern pieces by Clifford Odets.

Carnovsky never looked "made up" as is so often the case with young actors sporting crepe hair and lines on face for his versatile depictions of the aged grandfather in Awake and Sing, the father, whose son refuses to be a musician and becomes a boxer instead, in Golden Boy, as well as the financially hard-pressed dentist, with the shrewish wife and the youthful and attractive dental receptionist, in Rocket To The Moon.

It was in this latter piece that I saw Carnovsky shortly before the war at the Belasco Theatre on Broadway in Clurman's 1938 production of what still lingers in my memory as being Odets's most Chekovian piece; one that I later realised my ambition to revive over here in London when I copresented (with Jack Hylton) and directed in the West End at the St Martin's Theatre in between - with Ronald Simpson in the Carnovsky role and Yolande Donlan as the only femme fatale in the cast.

The play itself had as mixed a press in London as it had had in New York, but the first night brought me a cable of good wishes from, amongst others in the original cast, Carnovsky himself.

Peter Cotes

1933

Birthdays today

Miss Jenny Abramsky, editor, News and Current Affairs. BBC Radio, 46; Mr Christopher Booker, author, 55: Sir Colin Chandler, aviation expert, 53: Mr Shura Cherkassky, pianist, 81; Mr Joseph Cooper, pianist and broadcaster, 80; Sir Zelman Cowen, QC. former provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 73; Sir Andrew Derbyshire, architect, 69; Professor Harold Dexter, organist. 72; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher, 76; Dr Mark Girouard, architectural historian, 61; Lord Glenarthur, 48; Mr B.M.S. Hoban, former head master, Harrow School, 71; Mr Clive James, writer and broadcaster, 53; Mr Thomas Keneally. author, 57; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 79; Miss Yaltah Menuhin, pianist, 71; Mr R.J. Perry, governor. Gartree Prison, 45: Sir John Stocker, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 74: Major-General Julian Thompson, 58; Miss Jayne Torvill, ice skater, 35: the Most Rev Desmond Tutu. Archbishop of Cape Town, 61: Sir Colin Walker, chairman, East Anglian Regional Health Authority, 58; Mr Yo Yo Ma. cellist, 37.

Inner Temple

Princess Royal Scholarships Catherine Taskis, of Worcester College, Oxford.

Bursaries Karen Johnston, St Cather-ine's College, Oxford: Adam Robb, Jesus College, Oxford; Juliet Solomon, of University of the West Indies: Nicholas

Johnson, York University. ار در در در می استفاده با در می استفادی از این استفادی این استفادی استفادی این استفادی این استفادی این استفادی

Archaeology

Zimbabwe puts its heritage on show

By Norman Hammond historic buildings such as a Jesuit mission and Old Bula-

JAPAN, Sweden and Germany are to donate money and equipment to help Zimbabwe to develop the cultural and tourism potential of its archaeological sites. The resources will help to start "The Heritage of Zimbabwe", a master plan for conservation and development launched at a recent conference for donors in Harare.

The Japanese ambassador, Mitsuo Ijima, has announced that 2.5 tons of equipment would be given for the survey and conservation of Great Zimbabwe, the most spectacular site in southern Africa. The high-walled enclosures, their origins once considered a great mystery, are now known to be a grandiose rendition in stone of a Shona chieftain's compound, dating from the thirteenth to fifteenth centuries.

Great Zimbabwe generates most of the country's archaeotourism", with the number of visitors growing from 60,000 to over 80,000 a year over the past decade. Only six other sites, all near the main cities of Harare and Bulawayo, get more than a thousand visitors. At present 85 per cent of those at Great Zimbabwe are from Zimbabwe itself or from South

There are numerous ruins and rock art sites, as well as

Memorial service

Sir John Barnes

The Queen was represented by Baroness Trumpington at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir John Barnes held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, Canon Don-ald Gray officiated and the Right Rev Lord Coggan led the prayers. Mr Antony Barnes and Mr Simon Barnes, sons, read the lessons. Sir John Thomson gave an address. The Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs

was represented by Sir David Muirhead and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Sir John Margetson. Among others present were:

Lady Barnes (widow), Mrs Antony Barnes (daughter-in-law), Group Captain and Mrs Peter Presland and Mr and Mrs James Sassoon (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Christopher Goddard (daughter). Mr Oliver Presland and Mr Alexander Presland (grandsons), Mr and Mrs William Barnes (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Peter Barnes, Mr Tom Barnes, Sir John MacDermott, Mrs David Chalmers, Sir Michael and Lady Butler, Miss Caroline Butler, Mr Hugh Sassoon, Mrs Catherine Rentoul, M and Mme Lucien Beauduin, Mr and Mrs Ben B

King.

Viscountess Bearsted, Lady Rupert Nevill. the Right Rev John Sanerthwaite, the Right Rev Robin and Mrs Woods, Lord Greenfull of Harrow, Lady Reilly, Lord Rothschild, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord and Lady Brandon of Oakbrook, Baroness Birk, Lady Coggan, Lord and Lady Bridges, Lord and Lady Kissin, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, Lord Sherfleid, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon Sir Steven Rundiman, CH, Sir Glies and Lady Loder.

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Sir Patrick Wright, Sir Paul Wright, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir David Hildyard, Lady (David Kelly, Sir Roderick Barciay, Sir Peter Hope, Sir Edward and Lady Jackson, Sir Patrick and Lady Moberly, Sir Patrick Reilly, Sir Richard Faber, Sir Fatnik Roberts, Sir Jan and Lady Lewando, Lady Putbrook, Sir Derek Pattinson, Sir Kleran and Lady Prendergas, Sir Robert Wade-Cery, Sir David and Lady Goodall, Sir Geoffrey de Beitalgue, Sir Goodall, Sir Geoffrey de Beitalgue, Sir

snd Lady Kaye, Sir Archibaid and Lady Ross, Sir Roderick and Lady Sarell, Sir John and Lady Hibbert. Sir Bernard Ledwidge (representing Anglo-Israel Association), Sir Frederick Mason. Lady Hancock, Sir David Hunt, Sir David Orr, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Sir Paul Osmond, Sir Dereck Day trepresenting the governors, Hurstplerpoint Colleget and Lady Day with Mr S Wasson (headmaster); Sir William and Lady Hayter. Dame Simone Prendergast.

Mrs Patricia Evans (representing the directing staff, international Institute for Strategic Studies), Mr Barry Price and Mrs Rineke Weatherill (Anglo-Netheriand Society), Mr Stanley Nye (chairman, Sussex Rural Community Council) and Mrs Nye, Canon R T Greenacre (chancellor, Chichester Cathedral also representing the Dean and Chapter), Canon Brian Brindley (Chichester Diocesan Redundant Churches Uses), Ms Janita Bagshaw (Royal Pavillion, Brighton). Mr Mr Wasser (Porteign and Colonial Smaller Companies), the Rev Andrew White (Int Council for Christians and Jews), Mr M W A Gover (Dragon School), Mr Patrick Machure (Wykehamist Soci, Mr Roy French (Child and Co), Mr John Trumper (Cluttons), Mr Milnoura Masao and Mr Magashino Tadashi (Toyota), Mr Edward Fool (Beetsteak Club).

Mr and Mrs Philip Turner, Mrs Edward Suiro, Mr Patrick Grier, Mrs Andrew Stewart-Roberts, Mr Robert Cecil, Mr John Morley, Mrs Mary Postgale, Mr Antony Moore, Mrs Mark Seligman, Mr He D Foot, Mr Steinberg, Mr Robert Cecil, Mr John Morley, Mrs Many Postgale, Mr Antony Moore, Mrs Mark Seligman, Mr He C Baring, Canon P C Hawker, Mr and Mrs Devid Bendall, Mrs Simon Mortlmore, Mr Walter Bell, Mr G A Carey-Foster, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Seligman, Mrs Michael Hinton, Mr H C Baring, Canon P C Hawker, Mr and Mrs John Russman, Mr Mark Ritiner, Miss J Hope-Wallace, Mr Parick Russell, Mr Rashibury-Fenison. Mr Gerald Draper, Mr David Bendall, Mrs Simon Mortlmore, Mr Walter Bell, Mr G A Carey-Foster, Mr and Mrs Melle Hughes-Onslow, Mr and Mrs John Russman, Mr Mark Ritiner, Miss J Hope-Wallace, Mr Parick Russell, Mr Henry B McKenzl

Retirement

The Right Rev Anthony Dumper, Bishop of Dudley, is to retire on July 31, 1993.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, Reading, 1575; John Marston, dramatist, Wardington, Oxfordshire, 1576; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire, 1734; Caroline Anne Southey, poet, Lymington. Hampshire. 1786; Niels Bohr, atomic physicist. Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1885.

DEATHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Venice, 1612: Antonio Sacchini, composer. Paris, 1786; Thomas Reid, philosopher. Glasgow, 1796; Edgar Allan Poe, writer, Baltimore. Maryland, 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1894; Walter William Skeat. etymologist, Cambridge. 1912; Sir Hubert Parry, composer, Rustington. Sussex, 1918; Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia 1903-04, 1905-08 and 1909-10, Melbourne, 1919; Marie Lloyd, music hall singer, London, 1922; Harvey Cushing, pioneer of neurosurgery, New Haven. Connecticut, 1939; C.R.W. Nevinson, painter, London, 1946; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, Rome, 1959.

The Great Fire of Chicago began, lasting four days, during which 250 people were killed, 1871.

Chartered Institute of Transport

Elections to fellowship (FCIT): Sir Tom Cowie, Mark Howarth, Rebecca Jenkins, Brian King, Rupert Nichols, Robin Wilson.

ON THIS DAY

This sparkling dramatisation of James Laver's novel had not only Cole Porter's music and the stylish casting of Gertrude Lawrence but also the brilliant costumes and scenery of Doris

> Adelphi Theatre "NYMPH ERRANT"

By Romney Brent, from the novel by James Laver, lyrics and music by Cole Poner, scenery and costumes designed by Dorls Zinkelsen. Evangeline dances through Europe, now with one partner, now with another, but the tale of her wanderings is much less scandalous than readers of Mr Laver's amusing chronicle might suppose. For in these days, it seems, the heroine of a musical piece cannot afford to take her amatory adventures very seri-ously. If she has any at all it must

be merely to satisfy her desire to go about the world and see the sights. She is the pivot on which all the gorgeous scenery turns. Evangeline must be the first heroine in this kind who can find nobody to love her. Admirers there are in plenty, but to them she is no more than an attractive business speculation. And every admirer is a fresh speciacle. The French impresario, the Russian violinist (though he loves the nymph well enough to propose that she should die in his arms). the Count of the Holy Roman Empire, the Greek slave trader these are not so mud: admirers as Neuville Sur Mer, the Car-

nival at Venice. Athens by moonlight, the stage of the "Folies de Paris". Each is but a pretext for the stage to revolve, bringing round another example of the decorative ingenuity of Miss Doris Zinkeisen, and the audience is delighted, as well they may be.

As well they may be, for Miss Gentrude Lawrence, the Evangeline of the piece, is not the actress to remain merely pivotal,

and she enlivens the spectacular splendours of the stage with as much graceful folly as any of the more fortunate heroines have ever shown us. Her company makes the journey through Europe shorter. As soon as she emerges from the glittering crowd we take the speciacle for granted. She persuades us that the adventurous nymph. fresh from her "finishing school" at Lausanne and on her way, it is understood, to the home of a maiden aunt in North Oxford can lose lovers more charmingly than other women make them. Her mischievousness is attractive

and her boredom amusing. She makes her effects without a superfluous word or gesture, and she rarely lets a durnsily her to leave the plane of artificial-ity on which the play must stay if it is to live. Her love song to the doctor who persistently regards her as a mere patient, and the whimsical regret with which she surrounds her heroic rescuer's lyrical praise of her mother are, perhaps, the most delightful things of the evening.

Mr. Austin Trevor is the

vivacious French impresario, a gret help to the narrative, and Mr. Morion Selten's roué is so good as to merit more employment. The spectacle is enhanced and diversified by Eve's graceful contortionism (if that be not a contradiction in terms), and the dancing in various European stules of Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies. Mr. Cole Porter's lyrics are pointed, and the music has style. But it is Miss Lawrence who carries the spectacle.

MR. H. L. MENCKEN From our own correspondent

NEW YORK, Oct 6 Mr. H. L. Mencken announced today that he was about to give up the editorship of the American Mercury after a service of 10 years in order to have more time to write books and edit the Baltimore Evening Sun. [H.L. Mencken (1880-1956) was one of the most controversial American authors and critics of

L'son





Singing all the way to the bank: Peggy Lee, who has won the latest round of her battle with Disney over royalties for the cartoon film The Lady and the Tramp

Video age brings singer a 1000% pay rise, forty years on

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES

THE classic cartoon musical The Lady and the Tramp has become a multi-million video nasty for the Walt Disney company after the Californian Court of Appeals upheld a 1988 suit brought by the singer Peggy Lee. Miss Lee helped to compose the score for the film.

cats and a human, and sang three songs — for which she was paid \$3.500 in 1952. For the past four years, she has been fighting for a share of more than \$80 million made from video sales, claiming that her contract — drawn up before home video technology existed — did not give Disney the right to sell *Lady and* the Tramp videos without her permission. In 1988, she was awarded up to \$3.8 million by a superior court

in Los Angeles, when Disney was found guilty of breach of contract and using the singer's name and photograph without permission. The studio has since twice appealed. Now the original verdict has been upheld. Hollywood executives fear a deluge of lawsuits from "golden oldie" film stars and singers whose pre-1980s contracts did not specify the right to sell videos. Miss Lee, who is in frail health, sat hidden under a largerimmed black hat at the back of the Los Angeles courtroom in a wheelchair to hear the verdict and said afterwards: "Disney have been dragging this case on for years hoping that I either give up or die — after three decisions against it I hope that Disney will now end the hostility." But the studio, which had a team of 12 lawyers in court, may now appeal to the supreme court. The Peggy Lee case is one of several embarrassing

actions brought against Disney recently. A senior architect with EuroDisney is sueing after being sacked for going to work in a moustache. In 1989, Disney settled out of court with a \$95,000 donation to local animal groups after Disneyworld employees were accused of trapping and killing vultures that ventured on to the theme park. More recently. Disney has been fined for sewage violations.

Airlines check jumbo jet bolts after crash in Amsterdam

Continued from page 1 regularly inspected in any case. It is not known how long before the Amsterdam crash the EL Al jet had had its bolts

inspected. British Airways, which has 31 aircraft involved, and Virgin Atlantic, which has eight. began the inspections as their aircraft arrived for routine maintenance.

"A service bulletin has gone out asking customers of 747-100s. 747-200s and 747-300s with Rolls-Royce and Pratt & Whitney engines to inspect the fuse pins which connect the engine struts to

the wings," a Boeing spokesman said. This is being regarded as a precautionary measure. We have not found any evidence of damaged fuse pins in the Taiwan crash or in the El Al disaster.

Neither the fuse pins nor the plane's "black box" flight recorder had been found last night even after ponds in the area had been drained.

Across The Netherlands an official period of mourning began with Ruud Lubbers, the prime minister, leading a minute's silence in parliament. Flags flew at half mast. aircraft were ordered not to fly

over the crash site in the rundown suburb to the southeast of the capital and television stations agreed not to broadcast airline advertising for the time being. The Amsterdam lunar fair due to run from October 8 to 18 was

cancelled.

As firemen recovered more bodies. including the tiny form of a child, from the wreckage of the crumbled apartment blocks, the authorities raised doubts that the true death figure would ever be known.

"Too heavy" theory, page 2

By Philip Howard

a. A portable sunshade

b. An envelope for stamps

b. Coming from the North c. Drunken and disorderly

c. A breed of bantan **EBURNEAN**

b. The original cause

c. A rhetorical digression

Answers on page 14

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AA ROADWATCH

a. Made of ivory

ECBASIS

GIRASOL

b. An artichoke

POCHETTE A little stew-pot

c. A minor planet

Tebbit's Euro onslaught wins ovation

spoke of the savage cost of the ERM in lost jobs, bankrupt firms and repossessed homes. Earlier Mr Baker claimed that he had fought against the ERM and Maastricht while he was in the cabinet. But Mr Clarke said that Mr Baker had "never expressed the slightest doubt" about the Maastricht negotiations. Only Margaret Thatcher and

Continued from page 1

Brighton reports, pages 4, 5

Nicholas Ridley had opposed

Smiley's people spy a planet beyond Pluto

Continued from page 1 predicted in 1951 by the late Gerard Kuiper, a Dutch asonomer. There may be up to a billion objects in this belt, but they are so far away that QBI is the first to be seen. Measurements by Alain Smette and Christian Vanderriest of ESO show that QB1 is six million times fainter than any object that can be seen with the naked eye.

Dr Jewitt and Luu had been searching on and off for five years for objects in the Kuiper Belt before they hit on QB1. The reddish colour of the object has also excited astrono-Leading articles page 13 | mers, because it indicates that

it is made of the primitive matter of which the entire planetary system was built.

Four years ago, calculations Canadian astronomers indicated that the Kuiper Belt was probably the origin of comets with orbital periods of less than 200 years, including Halley's comet. At 125 miles across, QB1 is only a tenth as large as Pluto. Technically, the name for it is a planetismal.

The ESO astronomers have not ruled out the possibility that it might be a very distant comet whose surface has suc denly flared up.

Leading article, page 13

Warmer in the south, with

Conference sketch

Raising hackles and heckles

I f a town's spirit is some-times captured by its graffiti, the gist of a party conference is sometimes best expressed by its heck-les. So it was in Brighton

yesterday.

When elderly gentlemen in blazers barrack the foreign secretary, you know the Tories are in a tight spot. When a peer and previous chairman of the Conservative party beats up the prime minister, to rebel roars from the back, you know it's serious. But when Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman heckles the lady mayor of Brighton, what is the world coming to?

Problems had begun early. The two hymns had passed without incident (a triumph for the word-police at Conservative Central Office: only "distress" and "feeble" in Praise My Soul the King of Heaven slipped through the net) and Mrs Angela Rumbold looked tenderly at Mr Major as she sang "All lovely forms de-

But the New Testament reading had scolded the Euro-sceptics ("Oh ye of little faith!") and, rendering "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," as "Today's troubles are enough for today," had annoyed Bru-gesists, many of whom believed that the Revised Standard Version results from a European directive.

Then came a barbed, ungracious speech of welcome from a lady in a hat the Labour mayor. It goes against the Tory grain to heckle anyone in a hat, but Dame Elaine, the redoubtable MP for Lancaster and parliamentary equivalent of a gunboat, fired off three broadsides at the Worshipful the Mayor of Brighton. Clir Mrs Gill Sweeting, all but knocking her hat off in the onslaught.

Mrs Sweeting began by saying she had hoped to welcome a Labour government to Brighton. Dame Elaine grew restive. Then Mrs Sweeting started to complain about the town's West Pier for which funds were needed. "This is a party political broadcast!" shouted the dame, from the floor. Platform heads spun her way. Next. Mrs Sweeting explained that Brighton had applied for assisted area status. "I hope you don't get it!" yelled the dame. On

mayor was handed a bunch of flowers. The conference chairman bade her farewell adding. chivalrously: "May I thank you for your pres-ence". "Why?" called Dame Elaine. Mrs Sweeting left hastily, hat in place, clutching her bouquet lest the dame leap on to the stage and grab it back. Elaine Kellett-Bowman

had meant to be helpful, but to the consternation of the platform party, her example spread. During the Euro-pean debate which followed later, your sketchwriter sat at first next to a Tory MP with a minor job in government. He shall remain nameless. When a speaker from the floor attacked Mr Major's Euro-policy, my MP friend began growling - a sort of "hear, hear" noise, but without moving his mouth, so that no-one could

When the speech was over, he joined the clapping enthusiastically, but kept his hands under the seat-back, so that this would not be visible to the cameras or to the platform party. He is rather short-sighted, and said to me "Is the prime

minister looking my way?"
"No." I said. At this point he raised his hands above the parapet and dapped

The next speaker was in favour of Maastricht. Our destiny lay in Europe. she said. "Never!" some-body shouted from the back. The whole hall tensed up. You simply don't heckle at Tory conferences. But now somebody had, and it somehow broke the ice. The PM. continued the speaker, had "halted the advance of federalism". "Rubbish!" came another shout from a different part of the hall louder and more confident.

Then followed a speech asserting that "the EC is moving towards becoming a free-trading, outward-looking bloc".

"Boilocks!" — two or three shouts, this time, in unison. The Essex faction had arrived. There were giggles.

From that point onward, shouts of "rubbish" came thick and fast. It is something I never thought I should see at a Tory conference, and something we did not see at Blackpool last

completing her speech, the MATTHEW PARRIS

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TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,043

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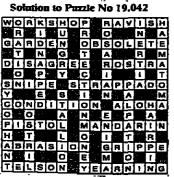
9 Roads in Alaska (9). 10 Anita has a point, being unattached (5). 11 Girl on an instant becoming

12 In a mood to veto a pit, perhaps 13 No end of impudence given by sailor in drink (6).

15 Jewelled collar, secret in weight Fish — one out of a shell (8).

19 Beauties Betjeman said he was 21 Bird to weather a storm (8). 23 In Egypt, a vote for trouble (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.042



26 Ran account into debt (5). 27 Thrill to choice line out of poem 28 A ridiculous means of getting

into Brazil (6-6). DOWN Comic strip hero protecting old Charon, say (7). 2 Bring on fashionable dog (5).

Appear keen to bestir oneself (4,5). A fish in jelly (4). 5 He's in tap-dancing — it's dra-matic (8).

6 Ravine everyone in France climbs (5). 7 Not the island with a lake that's imaginary (8). 8 Uptight about the church's

14 Money finds general acceptance 16 Queen is in the palace to change 17 Thrill to introduce rock in cheap joint (5-3).

18 Dramanst's business tie-up (6). Sprig of flowers on Queen Eliza-beth rose (7). 22 Student approach upsetting — a sort of wave (5).

24 Wars caused by Marx's popular religion? (5), There's a lot to be said for having a festival here (4). Concise Crossword, page 9

Life & Times section

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 10 of the 22 competitors, the fastest time being 8 minutes, at the 1992 national final of The Times InterCity Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

- WEATHER

strong winds easing. Cloud will be thinner, with sunny spells in many parts by afternoon, although there may be light showers near the east coast. The north and the west will generally be brighter, after early mist; only the far north of Scotland is likely to see persistent rain, and, even then, not much. Outlook: dry and settled apart from light drizzle spreading from Scotland to other areas near the east coast on Friday? AROUND BRITAIN ABROAD

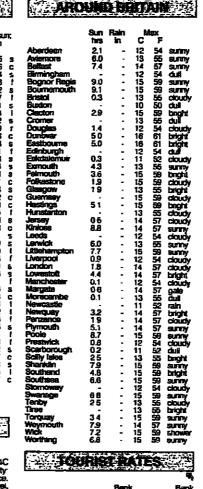
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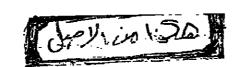
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Trinity Holdings, manufacturer of specialist vehicles from Dennis fire engines to refuse disposal vans, is going public after a share placing and offer at 120p a share

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Stock market rebounds on back of sterling

Pound stages strongest rally since ERM exit

By Colin Narbrough and Michael Clark

THE pound staged a timely rally for the opening day of the Conservative party conference. Overnight buying in the Far East pushed it to DM 2.4548 by the London

opening, up more than six plennings from Monday.

Sterling's better performance encouraged share prices to claw back some of Monday's sharp falls on the stock exchange

Despite uncertainty about economic policy, sterling held on to most of its gains to stand at DM 2.4509 at the official 4pm close. Against the dollar, it ended little changed at \$1.7145. But the Bank of England's trade-weighted sterling index rose by 1.1 to

Currency analysts described the pound's sharp comeback from Monday's record low of DM 2.3696, its best day since Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism, as a largely technical correction that reflected the unwinding of short positions. Uncertainty about whether Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will spell out his new economic policy at Brighton, or wait for an appearance before a Commons select committee next Monday, also fostered market caution.

In Whitehall, some of sterling's improvement was attributed to the prime minister's forceful reaffirmation of his commitment to ratifying the Maastricht treaty. But doubts persisted in the City about the durability of the rebound. The much-awaited enunciation of

the policy that is to replace Britain's participation in the exchange-rate mechanism could help the market decide which way to jump. Analysts felt, however, that there was so far little to suggest a policy shift that would convince the markets that the background for the pound was more

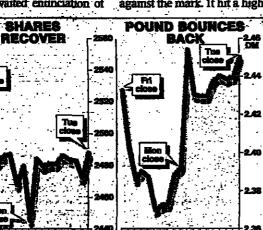
A general decrease in vola-tility in the currency market, and a firmer dollar, helped sentiment for sterling. But the market remains concerned about the poor fundamentals for the currency.

favourable.

Avinash Persaud, currency economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said hopes of a interna-tionally co-ordinated move to restore stability are likely to go unfulfilled. He expects sterling to drop to about DM 2.30 by the end of the year. Any disappointment on economic policy would also bring renewed pressure on the pound,

The dollar strengthened on short-covering after Wall Street began to stabilise on Monday night after market expectations of a fresh cut in the American discount rate started to wane. The latest labour market and orders figures from Germany appeared to have little impact.
The dollar gained more than three pfennigs against the mark to DM 1.4260 during

European trading. The Italian lira, like sterling forced out of the ERM last month, made strong gains against the mark. It hit a high



of 909.19 in late afternoon after a morning low of around 980, moving in huge swings that caught dealers off guard. In Britain, the govern-

ment's longer leading index, which identifies turning points in the economy about a year ahead, showed fell to 103.5 in August, down 0.3 in July, government figures showed. The decline mainly reflected a fall in share prices.

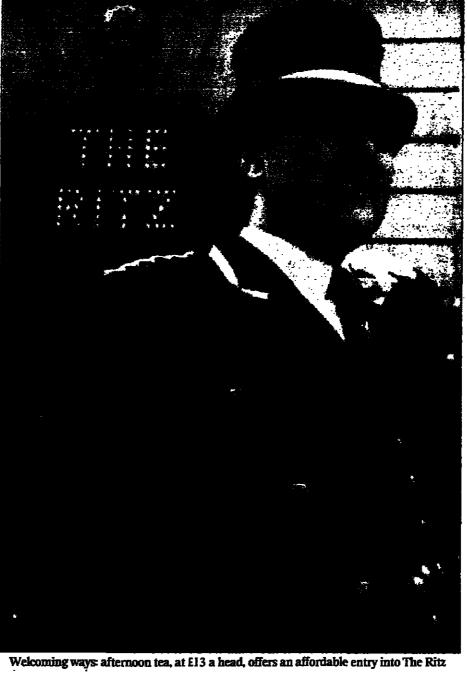
The FT-SE 100 Index, which suffered its biggest one day fall on Monday since the stock market crash of October 1987, recovered some of its poise to finish 42.1 higher at 2,488.4. But it continues to nurse a fall of 60 points over the two-day period, although the general feeling in the market yesterday was that Monday's fall had been overdone.

Share prices started the session on a firmer note, cheered by the late rally on Wall Street and a positive performance in Tokyo. It was the pound's biggest rally against the mark since it was devalued last month and helped to bolster sentiment, as well as keep alive hopes of a cut in bank base rates before too long. However, there was little

evidence of genuine retail business; investors were unwilling to open fresh positions before the Chancellor's speech at the Conservative party conference in Brighton tomorrow. By the close of business, only 467 million shares had changed hands. The bulk of turnover came from market-makers arbitraging between the cash and futures markets to cover individual positions. As one leading broker commented: "This is no market for

Government securities had a nervous session, unsettled by worries about the economic outlook. Prices in longs fluctuated throughout the after-noon, closing with small losses. But at the shorter end, some gains were recorded, cheered by sterling's

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Putting on the Ritz helps attract fleeting visitors

By MATTHEW BOND

EVEN in the depths of recession, tea at The Ritz is still one of the hottest tickets in town. At £13 per person, it is one of the more affordable ways of rubbing shoulders with what remains of the bright and the beautiful.

still a deliciously expensive affair. Venture off the fixed menu and hunch or dinner is likely to set you back a threefigure sum. Overdo it on Ritz own-label vintage champagne and a standard room will cost £220 a night to retire to. For a room with a view over Green

Park you will need £640.

Regardless of, or perhaps because of, the cost, people have flocked to The Ritz ever

since it opened in 1906. Designed by Charles Mewès

and Arthur Davis, students of Like other five-star hotels in London, including its most recent rival, the Lanes-L'Ecole des Beaux Arts and the designers of the other Ritz in Paris, the château they built on Piccadilly quickly became a centre for the beau occasionally been interrupted by such passing diversions as night clubs in the twenties and the blitz, but the Palm

Court always bounces back. Presiding over all the high society goings on is the im-probable but considerable figure of Terry Holmes, the managing director, an east-ender by birth and now a key member of the Cunard team. To Mr Holmes must go the or have a substitute lined up.

credit for the hotel's famously unstuffy welcome.

borough at Hyde Park Corner, The Ritz has discovered that there is a finite market The Ritz has something that the others do not: a lucrative level of referred business from the Cunard shipping business. After all, what better way of recuperating from a transatlantic voyage on the QE2 than by booking into The Ritz for a few nights. Any buyer of the hotel will either have to ensure the relation-ship with Cunard continues,

Trafalgar ponders sale of top hotels

By Graham Searjeant

TRAFALGAR House, the construction and engineering conglomerate, has prepared a brochure for the possible sale of its three St James's houry hotels, the Ritz, Stafford and Dukes, and has already exchanged conditional contracts to sell two Caribbean resort hotels, thought to be worth more than £10 million.

Cunard, the group's passer er shipping business, will also look for a joint venture

partner to help it expand. The plans are disclosed in a hastily assembled defence document aimed at persuading shareholders not to sell share: to the tender offer by Hong-kong Land, which aims to raise its stake from 14.9 per cent to 29.9 per cent by Friday afternoon. Sir Nigel Broackes the chairman, says the 85p offer seriously undervalues the group. "Hongkong Land is attempting to obtain effective control of Trafalgar House

through a minority stake". The board expects a final dividend of only 1.6p per share, against the 4.8p envis-aged in its half-yearly report in May, because of the worsening impact of recession. At the offer price, Trafalgar shares, up 0.5p to 84.5p, would yield 9.4 per cent on the full-year dividend of 6p per share.

Borrowings, source of much adverse speculation, were £360 million at the end of September, less than analysts had expected. The group has also guaranteed £115 million panies. That left unutilised long-term committed borrow-ing facilities of £440 million.

Sir Nigel says the group is within borrowing covenants. There is no profit estimate for the year just ended, because provisions against values of properties and developments have yet to be fixed. These will depend in part on the outcome of a dispute with the Financial Reporting Review Panel over reclassification of some development the previous year.

The board says operating

profits of the main engineering business will be significantly ahead of last time's £60.4 million but profits are well down elsewhere. Analysis expect group pre-tax profits between £90 million and £100 million before provisions, down from £122 million.

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Texaco confirms staff shift to Docklands

By OUR CITY STAFF

TEXACO, the American oil group, yesterday confirmed it would move 1,000 staff to Canary Wharf in the first quarter of next year.

While the relocation is almost the first piece of good news the bankrupt develop-ment has received since it passed into administration in May, it has been at a price. Texaco's option to purchase the 230,000 sq ft at 1 Westferry Circus can be triggered quite cheaply after 10 years for £30 million.

Texaco had originally intended to move from its Knightsbridge headquarters last August, but the relocation was postponed after Canary Wharf went into administration. A company spokesman said that the decision to proceed with the move was made after lengthy talks with admin-istrators and the scheme's bankers. In addition to 1 Westferry Circus, Texaco is renting an extra 30,000 sq ft

on two floors at the adjacent building, 7 Westlerry Circus. Other prospective tenants have not been as forthcoming as Texaco. American Express recently confirmed it was not moving its head office to Canary Wharf, while Manufacturers Hanover, the invest-ment bank, is also seeking offices elsewhere in the City.

Last week, the administrators made their final formal proposal to the government over private sector funding to the Jubilee Line extension into Docklands. A decision on the Jubilee line is expected this week at the Conservative party

Ex-Maxwell finance director arrested

By Angela Mackay

ROBERT Bunn, the former finance director of Robert Maxwell Group, was arrested yesterday and charged with conspiracy to defraud over his role in the Maxwell affair. The amount involved in the charge was not quantified but it is believed to relate to about £50 million of shares in Berlitz International, the language tuition group. Mr Bunn, 46, was charged

that on divers days between November 1, 1990, and the December 31, 1991, he conspired with others to defraud a syndicate of 35 banks led by Swiss Bank Corp and Credit Lyonnais by knowingly and dishonestly being a party to the pledging of common stock in Berlitz International Inc by way of security for loans to third parties in breach of the

terms of a loan agreement dated October 23, 1989, between the banks and Maxwell Communication Corp.

lan Burton, Mr Bunn's solicitor, said his client had been arrested by City of London Police by arrangement with the Serious Fraud Office and that he had been helping enquiries over the past few months. Mr Bunn was released on police bail to appear at City of London ber 1, when Kevin and Ian Maxwell and Larry Trach-

tenberg will also appear.

Kevin Maxwell has failed in his second High Court attempt to force disclosure by the SFO of the documentary evidence forming the basis of the theft and conspiracy charges against him.

Heseltine rewrites the Parker script

PARKER Pen directors may have thought they were home and dry this time. But their fourth attempt to sell the company has run into a rather large hurdle, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Michael Heseltine, trade secretary, referred the £285 million sale of Parker to Gillette to the MMC yesterday on the advice of Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of fair trading. The MMCs re-port is thue in January.

The four directors who led Parker's £70 million buyout from Manpower in 1986 stand to share £28.5 million if

the sale goes ahead.
The OFT is concerned that the sale would give Gillette,



Parker sale sent to MMC

the American owner of Paper Mate and Waterman, control of substantially more than half of the retillable writing implement market in the UK, worth £100 million a year.

Parker is already a world leader in the supply of refill-able pens. The OFT believes that although it would appear to be an easy market for potential suppliers to enter, the importance of a strong brand name tends to exclude new entrants.

The OFT received complaints from retailers that brand awareness of the combined group would be further strengthened and its ability to put up prices enhanced. Robert Barnsley, Parker fi-

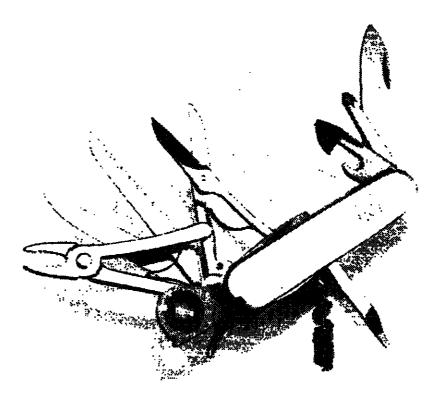
nance director, rejected complaints that consumers will suffer if the sale goes ahead. He said: "We do not believe that there would be a disadvantage to the buying public. There are still many writing

also need regulatory approval in France, Germany, Canada and America. The Parker directors and managers control 31 per cent of shares, valuing their stake at £88 million; four directors hold 10 per cent.

Schroder Venture, Electra and Chemical Equity hold 51 per cent of shares in issue, the Parker family holds 16 per cent and a pension fund holds the remaining 2 per cent.
The directors first planned

a flotation in November 1987, but it was called off after Black Monday. They tried again in June 1988, but backed off when the market dipped. A friendly £180 million takeover by Pentland failed in December 1988 after disagreements over warran-

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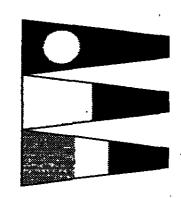


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Trafalgar House recommends shareholders not to accept the tender offer

Your board believes that:

- the price offered by Hongkong Land is inadequate and seriously undervalues Trafalgar House
- Hongkong Land is attempting to obtain effective control of Trafalgar House through a minority stake

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A circular was posted to Trafalgar House shareholders yesterday by the Board of your company

REJECT THE TENDER OFFER



By PATRICIA TEHAN

FIAT is to spend £5 million on five prime dealership sites in London, Birmingham and Manchester in an attempt to boost its flagging share of the British car market.

The money comes out of £100 million that has been set aside by the Italian car maker to strengthen and improve its dealer network. Fiat will run the new dealerships itself, in addition to its two other prestige dealerships in London.

Giorgio Garuzzo, Fiat's

Giorgio Garuzzo, Fiar's chief operating officer is in Britain this week, visiting the company's offices and factories and meeting local MPs. He said he is trying to get a message across to Fiar's 8,000 British staff that the group is committed to the UK.

Fiat has 2.5 per cent of the

Fiat has 2.5 per cent of the UK car market, its weakest market in Europe. In the rest of Europe, its market share averages 13 per cent. Despite its weakness in cars. Fiat is the third-biggest non-British automotive company in the country in terms of employees after Ford and Vauxhali.

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It is also the biggest supplier of combine harvesters, with a 32 per cent market share, and is also market leader in the supply of agricultural tractors with a 25.7 per cent share. Fiat is the second-biggest supplier of heavy trucks, with a 23.1 per cent market share.

The company ranks fourth in the sale of construction equipment with a 12.2 per cent share, sixth in light commercial vehicles with 3 per cent and tenth in car sales with just 2.5 per cent.

Fiar's poor image problem

stems back to the late seventies and mid-eighties, when its cars suffered from early rusting. Signor Garuzzo said Fiat now finds it harder to sell its cars in the UK than any other European country.

He said: "If the customer can be convinced to my a car, it

can be convinced to try a car, it is more likely that he will buy one. It is more difficult to convince a customer to come and try our cars.

"We are to be much more active and effective in develop-

ing our car presence in the UK," he said.

Along with the new dealerships, Fiat is planning a series of steps to improve its image and persuade car buyers to

test-drive its cars.

It is offering its 250 dealers dual franchises, encouraging them to sell Fiats alongside Lancias or Alfa-Romeos.

Fiat is trying to improve the service officred by dealers by improving the training and support in provides and using part of the £100 million function recapitalise them, by providing the cash for showroom and customer facility improvements.

A spokesman said the company is spending £18.5 billion on new products, "so we have to have a financially secure network to sell the new products".

Signor Garuzzo forecast an early end to the recession in the automotive markets in Britain.

He said: "I believe that with this devaluation and with the current interest rates in this country, with the long period of time that has passed since the UK went into recession. that we could see an upuum in the British market earlier than expected."

Signor Garuzzo said that while there will be no sudden improvement, "some recovery would not surprise me".



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Hanson sells three US subsidiaries

HANSON, the international conglomerate that is bidding f780 million for Ranks Hovis McDougall, has raised \$11 million (£6.4 million) in three separate sales. Lord White, chairman of Hanson's US operation, said the group had sold A&S Building Systems, Halkey-Roberts's lighting systems division, and Endicoti's Ranger footwear division. For the year to September, the three businesses made combined

operating losses of about \$3 million on sales of \$36 million.

Lord White also announced that Hanson has signed an agreement to sell its Weber Aircraft unit to Air Cruisers, part of France's Groupe Zodiac. The price being paid is \$85 million in cash, a \$37 million premium to book value. The transaction is subject to government approvals and is expected to be completed in early November. For the year to September, Weber, which makes aircraft seats, made an operating loss as a result of several low-margin contracts and manufacturing inefficiencies.

Derwent Valley gains

LOWER interest costs helped Derwent Valley Holdings, the property investment company, to lift first-half profits by 41.9 per cent in the six months to June 30, despite depression in the sector and a dip in revenue from properties. Pre-tax profits climbed to £603,000, against £425,000 last time. Gross rental income held steady at £3.82 million (£3.81 million), although net revenue from properties dipped to £3.15 million (£3.2 million). Interest costs dropped to £1.56 million (£1.73 million). Earnings per share rose to 5.2p, up from 3p last time. The interim dividend stays at 2.9p.

Ben Bailey in the red

BEN Bailey Construction, the Yorkshire property company, made a pre-tax loss of £443,000 (£317,000 profit) in the year to June 30. Turnover was £16.95 million (£16.5 million). Write-downs on development land and property stocks increased to £467,000 (£146,000). There was a loss per share of 2.98p (earnings of 2.16p). A final dividend of 0.25p (0.5p) makes a total of 0.55p (0.8p). The company blamed lower margins and property write-downs for the slump. Little improvement in margins is predicted and further cuts in overhead and production costs are being made.

QS ahead at half time

QS HOLDINGS, the discount clothing retailer, increased pre-tax profits by 6.7 per cent, to £3.86 million (£3.6 million) in the six months to July 31. Turnover was £23.2 million (£20.4 million). Earnings per share were 6.57p (6.07p). There is an interim dividend of 1.56p (1.45p). QS sells women's and children's wear and a selection of menswear in 78 stores in southern England. New stores have opened in Croydon, Hernel Hempstead and Cirencester. An enlarged distribution centre will open next month and benefits from new computer systems are filtering through.

Qantas float next year

QANTAS Airways will not be floated before March and the deal will depend on the state of the equities markets, Ralph Willis, Australia's finance minister, told MPs. The government said in May that it planned to sell Qantas and its domestic subsidiary. Australian Airlines, partly by a public flotation. Its budget for the year to June 1993 assumed proceeds from the sale of about A\$1 billion (£426,000). British Airways expressed an interest.

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Jobless fall fails to calm recession fears in Germany

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

UNEMPLOYMENT fell slightly in Germany in Sep-tember, but the decline in the number of jobless in the eastern regional states was much less than had been expected, and fears of recession in western Germany

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Government figures show that unemployment last month in the western half of the country fell to 1.78 million, or 6.5 per cent of the workforce, down from 6.7 per cent in August. In eastern Germany, the slow response of which to massive transfers of funds from the west has disappointed the federal authori-

Bigger loss at Brown & Jackson

Brown & Jackson, the retailer than owns the Poundstretcher discount chain, is pinning its hopes on a successful Christmas after falling deeply into

the red this year. The company, which is struggling to restore its for-tunes after a financial restructuring, saw losses deepen from £4.3 million to £9.7 million in the six months to end-June. results included a £637,000 write-off on the sale

of A&G Imports, a subsidiary. Ian Gray, chief executive, said he was happy with devel-opments so far. He said: "We never claimed this was going to turn round quickly."

Harmony goes deeper in red

Full-year losses deepened at Harmony Leisure Group, the pub, restaurant and hotel group, as increased exceptional charges took their toll. The USM-quoted company reports a pre-tax loss of £3.68 million in the year to end-March (£2.17 million loss). Turnover declined from £9:63

million to £6.45 million Loss per share increased to 13.83p. against a deficit of 8.07p last time. There is again no dividend.

Chilled wine

wine bar and restaurant group, did not do quite as well as directors had hoped in the first full year as a listed company. Turnover in the 42 weeks to July 4 was £1.5 million and operating profits were £132,000 before interest charges of £52,000. An absence of tax or a dividend leaves a retained profit of £80,000. Earnings per share were 2.4p. Building work near the Jamaica Wine House was blamed for a fall in trade.

Navan offer

Navan Resources, the Irish exploration group that holds various mineral rights across eastern Europe, aims to raise at least Ir£3.85 million (£4.2 million) to help speed up its European development programmme. The money, essentially earmarked for Hungarian mining ventures, will be raised via an offer and placing of corivertible loan notes.

Golden acres

Montague Gold of Australia. which in February was grant-ed exploration option rights for almost 4.1 million acres in central Alaska to explore for gold and alloy metals, says that results of exploration work have been "encouraging". Montague has been examining various mineralised veins, and says the size of the anomalies and the tenor of the gold mineralisation are comparable with those outlined at Fort Knox, an advanced gold property nearby that is being developed by Amax Gold.

Jeeps deal

Seibu will begin sales of Chrysler-made Cherokee and Wrangler jeeps from January. The company hopes for annual sales of 1,500 vehicles.

Opec busier

The International Energy Agency estimated that Open crude oil output rose to 24.7 million barrels a day in September, from a revised 24.5 million barrels in August.

Company saver

Nine out of ten companies closed by creditors could be rescued and expanded, saving the nation millions of pounds every year. Couriney Mahn, specialists in company rescues. has told the government.

ties, the number of unemployed fell to I.11 million. or 14.1 per cent, in September, from 14.8 per cent in August. Other official data showed that west German industrial

orders dropped 0.4 per cent in August to a level 6 per cent below that of August 1991. The July fall was revised down to 0.7 per cent. The economics ministry said the decline in August orders was primarily attributable to a drop in domestic business. Export orders held steady, despite a decline in which decline in vehicle exports.

The two-month comparison showed that industrial orders in July and August were 1.5 per cent down from May and June. Domestic orders were down 1 per cent, and foreign orders were 3 per cent lower, reflecting the sluggishness of markets around the world. Orders for consumer goods were surprisingly strong, with a rise of 3 per cent in the latest two months, but other important categories showed sub-

stantial declines. Compared with last year, orders in July and Angust were 6.7 per cent lower. Export orders, probably suffering from the strong mark, showed a decline of 8.9 per cent.

Heinrich Franke, head of the federal labour office, cautioned against reading too much into the drop in the number of jobless last month in eastern Germany. He said the movement in no way reflected a recovery, adding that increased investment remained the key to improve-

ment and more jobs.
Seasonally adjusted unemployment in west Germany, regarded by economists as a better guide to labour market trends, showed a rise to 1.86 million in August, its eighth Short-time working was also up. Most forecasters expect unemployment to rise in the

Despite growing concern about recession, and Bundesbank encouragement of softer money market rates. Frankfurt economists still believe the German central bank will wait for evidence of success in its battle against inflation before lowering key lending rates. Some analysts believe a cut could come in November; others foresee the Bundesbank waiting until the end of the year. The Bundesbank's tight monetary policy means the mark is likely to gain in strength, especially if other leading economies opt to low-er their interest rates in the

coming weeks.

German politicisms and industrialists are increasingly worned that the strong mark will threaten hopes of economic recovery by making it more difficult to export German goods, while fostering import-

Henning Christophersen, vice-president of the European Commission, urged Germany to clarify its financing plans for German reunification, to help reinforce European monetary co-operation. At a seminar in Sweden, he said Britain, Italy and Spain needed to raise their credibility, as did Germany, which had an unclear situation on the financing of the reunification". The huge increase in Ger-

many's public sector borrowing, arising from reunification, has been one of the main reasons behind the Bundesbank's determination to keep the monetary reins tight, restraining economic activity



Fire gazing: a potential customer examines Trinity group vehicles, including Dennis fire engines, that were up for auction earlier this year

Share placing will wipe out Trinity's borrowings

By PHILIP PANGALOS

A SHARE placing will raise £30 million for Trinity Holdings, a designer and maker of specialist vehicles ranging from Dennis fire engines to buses and refuse collection wagons. Trinity, which joins the market later this month, was formed by a management buyout of Hestair's engineering division in 1989. Geoff Hollyhead, chairman and chief executive, led the

Baring Brothers, the company's adviser, said the placing and interme-diaries' offer of 25 million 10p ordinary shares at 120p each would capitalise the group at £61.7 million.

Albert E Sharp is broker to the issue. Trinity's directors will have about 2! per cent of the enlarged share capital; the original backers, which include

Citicorp and Bankers Trust, will have about 22 per cent. Of the money raised by the placing, some £14 million, net of expenses, will go to Trinity's reserves, while £10.1 million will be used to repay outstanding bank loans and other borrowings and £3.9 million will go to redeem the cumulative preference shares. Most of Trinity's debt will be repaid after the issue, leaving the group virtually debt-

Trinity's operating profits are fore-cast to advance to £8.5 million for the

year to January 31, 1993, compared with £5.6 million for 1992 and £4.8 million for 1991. Sales reached £82 million in 1992 and £58 million in

At the 120p issue price, Trinity would trade on a multiple of 11.3 times forecast pro forma earnings for this year, putting it at about a 15 per cent discount to the market. The pro forma dividend yield at the issue price is 6 per cent, which represents a market premium of about 6 per cent. Sandy Morris, an analyst at County NatWest, the securities house, said he felt that the package on offer looked

'quite reasonable". Mr Hollyhead said: "Trinity has

achieved record output and pre-tax profits every year since its formation. We have achieved significant growth against the background of a contraction of our markets in the United Kingdom, boosted exports to a third of our output and gained market leader-ship in our principal product areas. We view the future with considerable confidence."

The group has 40 per cent of the British market for fire engines and its Dart mid-sized bus is the biggest seller in Britain. A spokesman said the placing had gone "quite well", with interest from several institutions. The shares are due to start trading on

Shephard invited into union's fold

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

GILLIAN Shephard has become the first employment secretary to be invited to an executive meeting of the Amal-garrated Engineering and Electrical Union. Britain's second biggest union. Gavin Laird, general secre-

tary, sent a letter to Mrs Shephard inviting her to one Simpsons of Cornhill, the City | of the union's regular Tuesday meetings to discuss the new employment bill, which it believes will badly affect industrial relations and exacerbate the serious skills shortage that. exists despite the recession. A spokesman said it also wants to stress the continued drain on manufacturing jobs.

After yesterday's executive meeting, Mr Laird said: "We don't want to sit in our respective trenches throwing

Britain's most profitable foot-

ball club, announced a small

drop in pre-tax profits after

paying out £2.6 million on transfer fees for new players.

The full-year figures pleased the City, which has a cautious approach to football clubs. The shares rose 7p to close at

289p.

Profits, before tax and play-

er transfers, for the year to end

July were up 24 per cent to

£7.68 million on turnover up

13 per cent at £20.15 million. But buying Peter Schmeichel,

Paul Parker, Paul Ince and

Andrei Kanchelskis hit the bottom-line surplus by 6 per cent to £5.05 million. Transfer

fees last year were £801,000.

Martin Edwards, chief execu-

missiles at each other. A meeting with the minister would be good for the government and good for us." This is the first time

union has invited an employment minister to attend. Industrial leaders and Labour party officials make regular appearances there. A union spokesman said the

invitation follows comments by Mrs Shephard that the government's war with trade unions is over. In his letter to Mrs Shephard he said the AREU tries to minimise the adversarial nature of trade

financial director, have put

£250,000 of profits into the

transfer fee reserve, a cushion

of in case of big transfer-fee

costs in any financial year. The reserve is now £2.25 million.

The company had net cash of £14.8 million at the year end and has had its squad of

35 players and apprentices

valued at 524 million by

Touche Ross, the accountant.

The player valuation will appear as a note to the balance

sheet in the accounts.
A final 12p dividend makes

18p for the year compared with the 17.4p forecast in the prospectus issued at the flota-

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tion in June last year.

The AEEU plans to set up a stand at the Confederation of British Industry conference in Harrogate next month. Meanwhile, Mrs Shephard

Manchester United scores

in City despite transfers

By Jonathan Prynn

MANCHESTER United. tive, and Robin Launders,

yesterday said she was "ex- another setback on Monday, tremely concerned" about the when Hydro Fertilisers in rising level of job losses after a south Humberside cut more week in which 9,500 people than 200 jobs.

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pressed as Sanyo, the Japanese electronics group. announced that it is to shed 95 staff from its workforce in the North East of England, reducing its staffing levels in the region by a third. The group blamed the recession and a fall levels in the in demand. The jobs will go from Sanvo's Newton Aycliffe plant in County Durham, which employs 200 staff and for which Sanyo forecast in 1988 a staff of 500. The 80 people who work at the group's Thornaby-on-Tees site are not affected by the redundancies. The region suffered

also highlighted yesterday, when more than 100 unemployed people built a "human mountain" outside the European Commission's London offices: They handed in a protest letter to the commission and a petition to 10 Downing Street calling for action to tackle unemploy-

A spokesman for the Unemployed Centres, which organised the protest, said: "Just like the butter mountain, we believe the human mountain of unemployment across Europe is a complete waste."

US drug approval lifts SB shares

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals and consumer products group, saw its A shares advance 18p to 487p on news that a US Food and Drug Administration advisory committee had recommended approval for its Paxil (paroxetine) anti-depressant. During clinical trials, Paxil

was used for a broad range of

patients, from the moderatelyto-severely depressed to those suffering from anxiety. Data showed that the drug was safer and more easily tolerated than other similar anti-depressants. Paxil is already marketed in

some countries including Britain, Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany. ☐ Haemocell saw its shares surge 81p to 176p after the USM-quoted maker of medical and surgical equipment received FDA approval for the sale and marketing of its System 350 blood filtration system. Stryker Instruments, the

American medical instrument group, will proceed to market the product immediately. Haemocell expects the FDA approval to have a dramatic impact on turnover and profits prospects.

David Mathen, Haemocell's chief executive, said the FDA's American approval for System 350, which is already on sale in Europe, will have a "really quite dramatic" effect on profits in due course. This is a quantam leap", he

Savage Group returns to

dividend list

THE recovery continued at Savage Group as the USMquoted hardware company reaped the fruits of restructuring and returned to the divi-

The company made pre-tax profits of £2.02 million in the year to end-June, compared with a loss of £115,000 last Tony Philipson, chief execu-

tive, said restructuring was complete and all losses had been eliminated. Turnover, affected by discontinued activities, fell to £73.5 million (£123.9 million), with turnover from continuing activities up I per cent to £69.4 million. A dividend of 0.25p (nil) is proposed for the year. Earnings per share were 0.9p.

against a loss of 5.4p.

MMI restarts full claim payments

Mr Wright said.

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

MUNICIPAL Mutual Insurance, the loss-making local authority insurer, resumed full payment of claims yesterday after a six-day moratorium.

MMI had ceased paying

claims from local authorities after rescue takeover talks with a French insurer fell through The move provoked chaos in the public liability insurance market, which MMI dominated, as local authorities sought to replace their cover. Despite the resumption of

claims payment, MMI still looks certain to be broken up and the future of its local authority business remains in doubt. Brian Wright, MMI chief executive, said a number of companies had expressed an interest in buying other parts of the group, including its household, motor, health, life and pensions operations. MMI is continuing discussions with local authority associations over the local government portfolio and said it is keeping the DTI in-formed. What Municipal

Mutual now needs is a settled

The four main local authority associations last night gave

period in which we can take

these discussions forward.

"a cautious welcome" to the lifting of the moratorium. However, many local authorities are likely to remain sceptical about MMI's ability to renew cover and will continue to seek alternative arrangements in the open markets. Treasurers are reluctant to rely on MMI after being told last week that merger talks with GMF were proceeding even after the French company had said the deal was off. The crisis at MMI left a

vacuum in the market with insurers, with no claims records to base pricing on, unable to quote realistic rates to local authority treasurers.

More than 500 delegates from local authorities are meeting in London today to discuss the MMI saga. One option likely to be considered is setting up an insurance pool funded by local authorities to cover major risks.

Hurricanes blow a hole in M&G

By Our Insurance Correspondent

THE hurricanes that wreaked devastation on Florida and Hawaii in recent weeks have left a £30 million hole in the accounts of Mercantile & General, the loss-making reinsurance subsidiary of Prudential Corporation.

The hurricane losses come on top of a further deteriora-tion in the London market excess of loss (LMX) account written by the company. Last month, Prudential announced that M&G had lost £25 million in the first half of the year largely due to losses in the socalled LMX spiral.

John Engestrom, the new chief executive of M&G, also announced tough measures to restore profitability to the company. He spoke of "a tough

stance on imminent renewals" resulting in "a significant reduction in premium vol-umes in 1993". This would result in further capacity in the London general reinsurance market being withdrawn, placing upward pressure on reinsurance and direct rates.

"The senior management of Mercantile & General are not prepared to allow our general insurance business to continue to offset the consistent profits of our highly successful longterm business," Mr Enge-strom said. Action would also be taken to reduce expenses.

Mick Newmarch, chief executive of Prudential, said the moves were "essential to deliver acceptable results from the general business".

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The mine goes, and so does the town

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

MINING towns usually fade away with a whimper when the mine on which they depend runs out of ore. But Cassiar, British Columbia, which for the past 40 years relied on asbestos mined by Cassiar Mining Corporation from the McDame

orebody, has gone one better.

It has been dismantled, sold off in bits and pieces by public auction. The pavements have been bulldozed, and where mining boots once trod, mountain sheep graze. The mine is dead; ergo, the town is

Cassiar was established as a result of the nearby asbestos deposit. It was companybuilt and company owned, and in its day supported a community of 1,200 people. It had everything a good town should have - a church, a local radio station, its own sewage treatment plant, a hospital, houses and shops, an undertaker, and a cable relevision service. It even had roads. Everything in the town went up for sale; have survived," one resident said.

The asbestos mine provided employment for more than 400 people, and in its day was profitable. But asbestos is today a "dirty word", and the fibre in the ground

has proved too expensive to mine. The mining company recently ran out of money, having exhausted lines of credit and loans that had been made available by local authorities. Its problems were compounded by mounting litigation against asbestos producers, by tightening health regulations and by consumer preference for less hazardous materials.

In 1988, the provincial government lent the company C\$25 million (£12

million) to extend the mine's life until at least the year 2000. In February, however, a further government loan was refused and Cassiar went into receivership. Attempts in July by Black Swan Gold Mines, of Vancouver, to raise C\$45. million to revive the mining operations failed, and receivers were called in.

houses were either broken down into bricks or transported whole to become vacation homes on islands around Vancouver. The public auction was conducted by

Goal in sight: Martin Edwards, left, and Robin Launders

Maynards Industries, one of Canada's largest auction firms; even coffins went under the hammer. The auction was extensively advertised throughout America and Canada, and 50,000 brochures were printed urging buyers to "roll up, and buy". Michael Riseborough, the former government agent for the area, said of Cassiar: "It's weird. No dogs on the streets, no cats, no drapes on the

windows. It's just empty."

There is nothing left to show where Cassiar once stood. The only antique unearthed in the break-up of the church was an altar dating from 1730 ... and that has gone to another church.

"If this town had been built on something other than asbestos, we could

Brave Raine honours its payout pledge

says much about what the stock market thinks of the £30 million acquisition of Walter Lawrence in March. So far, so

In its three months' contribution to the Raine results, a bid-disrupted Walter Lawrence made a loss of about £500,000, reducing Raine's pre-tax profit to £13.5 million for the year to end-June, 34 per cent down on the previous year. Peter Parkin, chief executive, says the former Walter responding to treatment. Others may prefer to wait for

Walter Lawrence was paid for with the help of a £33 million rights issue at 95p. With earnings per share on the enlarged share capital falling from 10.3p to 6.1p. it was a brave decision by the Raine board to honour its pledge and pay an unchanged final dividend of 4p to make a just covered total of 6p.

Unless Walter Lawrence starts to perform, or the prospects for construction unexpectedly brighten, the decision may be even harder next year. As it is, Hall & Tawse, the construction arm, has done well to maintain its forward order book at £142

The debt that came with the acquisition means that, despite the rights issue. Raine finished the year with net debt of £40.8 million, giving gearing of just under 35 per cent. Mr Parkin says be has grown accustomed to the luxury of low gearing. Given that he has just had a rights issue, keeping it that way is now dependent on the successful sale of about £28.9 million of assets identified in the wake of the acquisition as surplus to requirements.

Post-acquisition provisions of £23.5 million must have



Fresh outlook: John Jackson, the company doctor who has been brought in to advise Brown & Jackson

first half of the year, and the

company's hands were tied

until the £15.6 million raised

through a placing and open offer filtered through in late

June. Sales volume and gross

But borrowings have been reduced by £10 million. About

52 Poundstretcher stores

have been refitted and the

remaining 180 stores will

have had a facelift by Septem-ber, 1993. Electronic point of

sale facilities are being intro-

duced. How long though will

it take for the benefits of all of

this to filter through? The

margin suffered.

contributed to the financial health of the group's landbank of 5,865 plots, each of which has an average cost of only £11,400, just 17 per cent of the average £68,200 at which it sold 1,429 units last

To cover a maintained dividend this year, the company needs to make pre-tax profits of about £17.5 million. A price-earnings multiple of over 14 means the shares. despite the yield, look fully valued for now.

Brown & Jackson

IAN Gray, chief executive, and Robert Ellis, finance director of Brown & Jackson. have picked an interesting time to try to turn round a company that relies on the fickle tastes of consumers.

Poundstretcher stores may not have high overheads and they offer "no frills" goods that are as likely to sell in a recession as at any time. They have also found John Jackson, the ubiquitous company doctor, to advise on revival plans. Mr Gray and Mr Ellis have

made all the right noises, but the fact remains that the company they have inherited is in a mess. Losses before tax in the six months to June have doubled from £4.3 million to £9.7 million. Turnover is down from £79.9 million to £67.4 million. There is an

undiluted loss per share of 5.4p, compared with a loss of 74 p, are unlikely to see much 4.1p, and no dividend (0.1p).
Sales at Poundstretcher upside for now, and Carr, Kitcat is looking at losses of vere 5 per cent lower in the

£6 million for the year. With the shares on a pro-jected p/e of 10 for next year and far smaller retailers making profits, even in the present environment, could be a long haul.

Manchester United

TOTTENHAM Hotspur may not be much of a footballing force these days, but it still has the influence to queer the pitch of one of its main rivals. Matched against almost every standard investment yard-

company owns a respected brand name, and has cash in the bank, while the shares yield 8 per cent on a more han twice covered and rising dividend stream, and change hands on a single figure prospective multiple.

Even better, pre-season sales of season tickets, boxes and books mean that costs are covered only ten weeks into the current financial year.

On paper, it looks like a strong line-up. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-July were down 6 per cent at £5.05 million after heavy transfer fees and the debut dividend is

But since the flotation in June last year the shares have languished about 30 per cent below the issue 385p issue price. The reasons are not hard to fathom. The City's only previous meetings with quoted football clubs have all ended in heavy defeats.

The perception is that dependence on form on the field of play, heavy and compulsory capital expenditure requirements, endemic boardroom infighting and weak management make football club shares attractive only to the fan. Manchester will undoubtedly continue to suffer from this image hangover. It may well take another two years of rising profits and onpitch success before the company is judged on its financial merits rather than the past problems of its sector.

Profits and dividends are difficult to forecast because of the unpredictability of transfer fees, but analysts are looking for a surplus before player transfers of about £7.5 million and dividends of 20p. The shares are cheap on fundamentals but likely to remain so until the third division image of football club management improves.

Nikkei closes higher as losing streak ends

seven-day losing streak to end firmer. The market's calm reaction to sharp losses by overseas shares provided the base for a futures-led rechnical rebound, brokers said. But with no fresh positive news, the market is still stuck in a

narrow range, they added. Shigera Akiba, of UBS Phillips and Drew, said: "Many people were afraid of a sharp fall, and they were encouraged that negative factors did not hit very hard. But that does not mean anybody is interested in

The Nikkei industrial average was up 166.6 points to 17,268.10, with an estimated 220 million shares traded. ☐ Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index fell 42.32 points, to 5553.12 on weaknesses in major overseas markets, brokers said. Alan Au, a dealing manager at Seapower Securi-ties, said: "Sentiment had already been dampened as the expected local interest rate cut

did not materialise on Friday.

Tokyo - Shares broke a There is simply no major good news in the market." The indicator plunged

154.84 points, touching a low of 5,440.6 ten minutes after the opening. Leading shares suffered most losses as inves-tors scrambled to sell before prices fell.

Singapore — Prices ended lower with no new buying incentives and a late technical rebound in Tokyo failed to boost sentiment, brokers said. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 7.06 points to close at 1.332.56, with 167 falls and 39 rises. Volume was 30.28 million shares against 25.98 million at Monday's

Sydney — Shares closed comfortably above their lows of the day, but still plumbed a fresh 18-month closing low after another stormy night on overseas markets. The All Ordinaries index closed 14.7 points down at 1,452.4, after falling to as low as 1,447.9 in early trade, the lowest close since April 10, 1991. (Reuter).

Tight trading on Dow

New York - Leading shares traded in a narrow range at mildly soft levels in choppy mid-morning trading as some investors took advantage of Monday's lower prices and others moved to the sidelines. After moving about 11 points higher off the open, the Dow Jones industrial average.

proceeded to decline an equal amount. By mid-morning, it was off fractionally at Traders said many investors were waiting to see if the

Federal Reserve lowered inter-

est rates following the Federal

Open Market Committee meeting, and what direction the market would take after Monday's volatility.

While the Dow wiped out its early gains, modest strength in the broad and secondary markets was sustained. In the broad market advancing shares held a seven-to-six lead over declining shares.

☐ Frankfurt — Shares ended a thin session mixed around Monday's closing levels. The Dax index ended 4.1 points below Monday's close at 1.420.3, its lowest close since January 31, 1991. (Reuter)

Sterling's performance brings some cheer

SHARE prices regained some market in order to of their composure, cheered by a better performance from the pound against the mark on the world currency markets.

Prices started the day on a firmer footing encouraged by the late rally overnight on Tokyo. The market grew in confidence as the session wore on with the FT-SE 100 index closing at its best of the day, with a rise of 42.1 to 2,488.4. But it remains about 60 points lower over the two-day period.

The pound's rally against the mark was its biggest since it was devalued last month and has enabled investors to ding on to the faint hope that there is still scope for an early cut in bank base rates.

Most brokers were taking the view yesterday that Monday's setback, the biggest oneday fall since the October crash in 1987, had been overdone. But few investors were prepared to commit themselves to opening new positions ahead of the Chancellor's speech at the Tory party conference in Brighton tomorrow about the govern-

ment's new economic policy. Turnover remained thin with only 467 million shares changing hands. The bulk of the business was made up of market-makers arbitraging

GOVERNMENT securities

had another volatile session.

with investors still worried

about the economic outlook and its repercussions for the

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positions. Brokers said there was little genuine retail

the Mothers Pride and Hovis food group, eased 1p to 240p. after briefly touching 234p, as shareholders to reject the 220p a share offer from Hanson valuing the entire company at £780 million. By the close of business, a total of 5 million shares had changed

The speculators are convinced Hanson will succeed where others have failed, but it will have to improve the terms This is the third unwanted bid that RHM has received in the past four years. Unsuccessful attempts were also made by Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australasian food group, and Sunningdale, a consortium headed by Sir James

Ranks Hovis McDougall,

Hanson recovered some of its poise, firming 14p to 203p, helped by a buy recom-County says that the bid for

RHM is easily justified numerically and if it succeeds. will enhance Hanson's earnings per share by 2 per cent. Meanwhile. Trafalgar House firmed 2p to 842p in

tinue to hold the upper hand.

Investors did not establish any

clear trend. Simon Briscoe,

economist at Greenwell Mon-tagu, said: "It was a day where

waves of blue were quickly followed by waves of red. But

On the futures market, the



amount in the A to 80 2 p, as it began to fight back against the unwanted attentions of Hongkong Land that picked up 14.9 per cent of the company in a dawn raid last week and is

of Trafalgar through a minority stake. He is forecasting improved profits in the company's engineering and con-struction divisions but gives a warning that the shipping and

There were signs of a recovery at Lucas Industries, with the price climbing 6p to 92p amid vague talk of a bid from Siebe. Lucas is regarded as vulnerable, as full-year figures on Monday are expected to reveal pre-tax profits falling from £86 million to

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Bid speculation continued to drive Owners Abroad, the holiday package operator, sharply higher with the price finishing 6p better at 77p. The group now admits that it received a tentative approach some weeks ago, but talks failed to progress and no proposal has been received. Earlier this week, there was

talk that rival Airtours, which has enjoyed a rapid rise to fame, had been looking at acquiring Owners. Airtours ended 6p better at 246p.

to show signs of being oversold in recent weeks. Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker, started the ball rolling by recommending Bass, 19p better at 536p.

There were also gains for Allied-Lyons, the target of a of profit gradings recently, 23p to 599p, Grand Metropolitan 19p to 379p, Scottish & Newcastle 7p to 406p, and Whitbread A 7p to 406p.

The water companies enjoyed selective institutional support as their yo-yo performance continued after last week's order by Ofwat for them to cut charges. Anglian advanced op to

430p. Northumbrian 3p to 503p. North West 5p to 442p. Southern 3p to 409p, Thames 7p to 441p, Welsh 1p to 464p, and Wessex 3p to Prodential spent a volatile

session clawing back an early fall to finish 9p up on the day at 259p. The group's insurance subsidiary, Mercantile & General, has announced it is taking a tough line on the renewal of general re-insurance business. The group also spoke to a number of analysis and fund managers yesterday in an attempt to get its

MICHAEL CLARK

Woodhead spells out his thoughts for future of Fox

ROBIN Woodhead, new chief executive of the troubled London Futures and Options Exchange, began his first week in the job with an

space."
Mr Woodhead, 41, took up the post almost a year to the tives of London Fox resigned in a dispute over alleged trading irregularities. Saxon Tate, chairman, and Mark Blundell, chief executive, stepped down after an investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority.

Fox closed its property fu-tures operations after only five months, after the discovery of possible irregularities. Five member firms were sub-sequently fined a total of £340,000 by the SFA for what was described as a serious failure of compliance in connection with property futures

Mr Woodhead, who has a wide knowledge of commodity markets, said Fox had reached a pivotal stage in its



Woodhead: opportunity

history. "The difficulties of the past year have been largely resolved and there is now an obvious opportunity to expand on the primary assets of the exchange, principally its central role in inter-national commodity trading. I am delighted to take up such an interesting and challenging role at a time when there are significant changes in the world financial order." Mr

Woodhead, a lawyer who spent part of his childhood in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, founded the International Petroleum Exchange in 1981 and went on to form the National Investment Group, a network of regional stockrokers, in 1986. He sold out to Capel-Cure Myers in 1989 and has spent much of the past two years in South Africa, where he has a share in a game farm in Natal. He takes over from Phillip

Thorpe, deputy chief executive of the SFA, who has been past year. Michael Jenkins, chief executive of the London International Financial Futures Exchange, was appoint-ed non-executive chairman of London Fox in April.

Mr Thorpe, a barrister born in New Zealand, is a former deputy commissioner for securities in Hong Kong, where he was seconded to reform the Hong Kong Futures exchange in the aftermath of the October 1987 stock market crash. Mr Jenkins retires from Liffe this year after an association

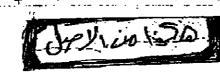
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Trafalgar needs ally not raider

or shareholders in Trafalgar House, the best outcome of Hongkong Land's tender offer would be for the powerful property group to gain a big enough stake to be a serious long-term partner without gaining the full 29.9 per cent it seeks. That would bring effective control, depriving shareholders of a potential bid premium from a third party. Sir Eric Parker, Trafalgar's embattled chief executive, had hoped to tie up most of the uncertainties surrounding the group, including its borrowings, its divestment strategy, its run-in with the Financial Reporting Review Panel over accounting, and possibly even its boardroom structure and management succession, by the beginning of December, when the results for the year to end September should be announced.

He was not allowed that time. Two important elements are, however, already clear. First, a commitment by HK Land is thoroughly good for the group's shaky image and should help remove the air of management drift faster than any number of conventional non-executive directors. Second, Trafalgar is worth a lot more than the £600 million implied by HK Land's 85p per share tender offer if those intangible uncertainties are swept away.

The core engineering and construction business formed from John Brown and Davy may have raised its operating profits from £60 million to nearer £75 million. There is evidently plenty more to come from integrating Davy and from the momentum that the combination is attaining. Judged by the fancy ratings accorded to rivals, this advanced world-class business could be worth £600 million alone as a free-standing equity, comfortably more if the civil engineering businesses are thrown in.

Even at present depressed asset prices. Matthew Sutherland of County Natwest cautiously suggests a realisable value of about 110p, without counting much for the property and housebuilding businesses. If Trafalgar's knights could bring themselves to sell Cunard as well the Ritz group hotels, which may still be worth about £140 million, they might wipe out the group's debt completely and exposing value and potential. As it is, the City remains sceptical, leaving Trafalgar shares at the tender price.

They are unlikely to remain there. Private investors should stick with their shares and leave big institutions to split the future profits by offering HK

On the rebound

terling's see-saw behaviour continued yes-. terday with a 6 prennig rise against the mark making up all of the ground lost on Monday and more besides. In part, the rise was technical, with the pound caught in the slipstream of a dollar fast rebounding against the mark and helped additionally by short covering. But the fact that sterling did not encounter fresh short selling indicates two

First, with no apparent central bank intervention in what has so far been a relatively clean float, dealers are becoming wary of forever selling the pound. It is looking increasingly cheap on fundamentals. Huge amounts of money can be lost on the second leg of a "spike" when markets realise a fall is overdone and bear closing accelerates the rise.

Second, speculators and traders wish to be less exposed during the period of the Conservative party conference. At least some outline of how the economic policy vacuum is to be filled will almost certainly emerge. Unless that policy is inept even by present standards the pound is likely to benefit. It could do so considerably if draconian spending cuts are forecast not as a policy in itself but as a key part of the inflation strategy to replace the ERM.

Sony and Philips renew hostilities to win the ear of the music lover

Martin Waller reports on how two electronics

rivals are seeking the

ears and minds of

music consumers with the latest technology

n American humorist, weary of the hype surrounding the launch of compact discs A a few years ago, said she would happily buy the new product if they promised they would never invent another.

Such a promise was made to be broken, and at least three attempts have been made since. One became entangled in the record industry's obsession with private taping; the two survivors hope to be battling it out at the tills this Christmas

One uphill task facing any manufacturer launching a product on to the crowded consumer electronics market, made all the more difficult at a time of recession, is to persuade the customer that he or she needs another gadget whose lack they have not yet felt. A second is to ensure that once the gadget is bought there is also the software, in the form of record-

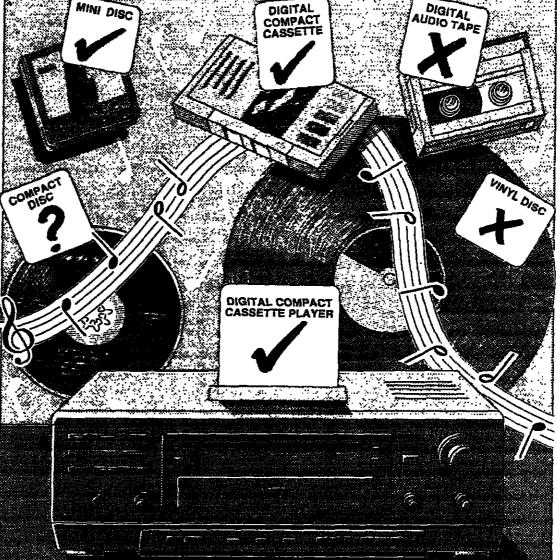
ings, to play on it.

The development of consumer electronics is littered with evolutionary dead ends, technical marvels that were potential world-beaters but that lost out to rivals often worse in quality terms. Early video recorders came in three formats: one now largely forgotten, a second, Betamax, that remains the staple of the broadcasting industry because of its technical excellence, and the winner, the now ubiquitous VHS system.

The start of in-car stereo two decades ago threw up the barely remembered 8-track, a curious and cumbersome beast that lingered on for a while even after the familiar audio cassette had established its ascendancy. If the pundits are right, at least one other product is set to join the ranks of the dinosaurs and the sabre-toothed tigers of audio history. Later this month, Philips will launch in the Netherlands, Germany, France and Britain the digital compact cassette (DCC). The device has been available for a fortnight in Japan, the home of its bitter rival, Sony's MiniDisc.

The MiniDisc should reach Japanese shops by November and become available, across Europe, through. December. Neither system is compatible with the other, naturally, although Philips has the edge in fitting in with at least some of the existing technology.

success of the compact disc format, which a decade ago offered digital sound quality to the listening public for the first time. Initially, there was consumer resistance to a system that was set to make existing vinyl record collections obsolete; consumer resistance is a normal and healthy reaction to the launch of any new gadget. By this year, when the biggest chains of music stores in Britain had effectively stopped stocking vinyl in



quantity. CDs had established clear ascendancy. Vinyl will remain the province of the sentimentalist and the

The CD succeeded not least because of enhanced sound quality but also because of greater convenience. CDs run for longer, damage less easily and are easier to store and carry than the 12-inch record.

The two new formats are an attempt to wean the public off the traditional audio cassette, an analogue recording medium, and on to a digital recording system that is up with CDs for sound quality. There is no special advantage in convenience terms, and this may prove to be a telling weakness; the new products are no more "user friendly" than audio cassettes or CDs.

Philips' DCC may make or break the ailing Dutch giant, the largest surviving player in the once-great European consumer electronics in dustry. The DCC resembles the existing audio cassette, and crucially, the DCC player will play traditional cassettes - this so-called "backwards compatibility" is one reason why optimists at Philips believe the DCC market could grow three times' faster than the CD.

Philips, the original inventor of the CD and the cassette, needs all the help it can get these days. The company has issued two profits warnings in recent weeks and is in the throes of a ruthless restructuring programme to lose as many as 55,000 jobs after slipping into a £1.3 billion loss in 1990. Nerves are highly stretched ahead of the DCC launch, and news of delays have been greeted with dismay.

The company says it was in the process of sending all British dealers demonstration model and the product will be shown off at a stand at the Motor Show in Birmingham on

ony's MiniDisc is aimed squarely at the portable market, and the first ranges on sale will be Walkman-type models and a car stereo version, both recordable and playback only. The product looks like a smaller compact disc, about 2½ inches in diameter.

Sony is regarded as one of the modern world. The Walkman, one of the most successful product debuts in consumer electronics, was dreamt up. according to industry legend, by Akio Morita, its chairman, in exasperation at having to listen to his children's pop music at home. But Sony has stumbled twice in

recent memory. The group was behind the Betamax video format and also pioneered digital audio tape (DAT), the last attempt to create a

digital recording system to sit alongside the CD player. DAT, little more than half the size of an ordinary cassette, was set for launch early in 1987 when it ran into opposition from record companies convinced it would be used to create the perfect copy of the CD. Interminable legal wrangling ensued, and DAT missed

out on mass-market penetration. The format did catch on with the professionals, though, and has established a useful niche market among broadcasters as standard issue for radio reporters, for example, while some hi-fi buffs swear by the £500plus recorders that are on the market.

A repeat of DAT is the last thing Sony needs, therefore, while much of Philips' future hangs on DCC. Little surprise that the two are barely on speaking terms, and the most vociferous argument is over the software, the recordings that will become available in the new formats. Philips is contemptuous of Sony's claims that top record companies are supporting the MiniDisc the Dutch group. owner of the Polygram record label. is allied with Matsushita, the biggest electronics company in the world, which owns the MCA label and will produce the hardware under its Technics brand. Matsushita is of course, one of Sony's head-to-head competitors in the electronics market. DCC is claimed to have 500

recordings already signed up, including the usual pop and rock superstars. Sony, which owns the CBS label, claims a library of 300. Unsurprisingly, no in-house labels are making themselves available in the rival format. Other big players such as Warner and the German Bertelsmann combine favour DCC or, as with Thorn EM1, now owner of Virgin Records, are keeping a foot in both camps.

Just where the proud owner of a new DCC or MiniDisc system will find the software remains a key question. WH Smith, owner of the Our Price music chain, the country's biggest, and the controller of a 25 per cent share of the recorded music market that has as yet escaped the attention of the competition authoriries, says it has no plans to take either DCCs or MiniDiscs. "It's something that is going to have to be thought about very carefully, if and when a decision is taken, said a spokesman. We're not going to expand shops because of a new product."

ixons Group, Britain's biggest electrical retailer which plans to stock both systems, has a firm agreement with Philips to launch DCC next month but, tellingly, is not so confident of having MiniDisc in the shops until next year, after the Christmas rush, although Sony is insistent the mid-December deadline can be met. A failure to do so will cost the format dear.

The music retailers are already greatly relieved at the painless death of vinyl, gradually phased out with-out much public outery to provide further space for more expensive CDs and cassettes. If either or both new formats takes off with the customer. however, the software will have to be sold somewhere. Less popular CDs and cassettes will have to be shunted off the shelves to provide the necessary retail space, so reducing consumer choice and cutting back even further the number of titles available in the average high street, as opposed to in specialist shops and town centre megastores.

A further hideous threat looms over the record industry. CD, the primary music source, and DCC, both primary source and recorder and portable to boot, are natural complements. MiniDisc is a hybrid CD-recorder, also portable. Despite Sony's insistence in marketing it as a super-Walkman, MiniDisc could therefore theoretically supplant both CD and DCC; the industry would then be forced to explain to the 45 per cent of households in Britain that own a CD player that their product, the wave of the future half a decade ago, is now obsolete. The chances of selling the next wave, post-Minidisc, after such a debacle would seem limited.

"The CD will be the dominant format well into the next century," Mark Kingston, spokesman for the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, says reassuringly. He is disinclined to support any of the new digital recording formats. "If I was a consumer, which I am. I would be buying none of them. If they can make a recordable minidisc. then how long before a fully recordable CD comes on to the market?"

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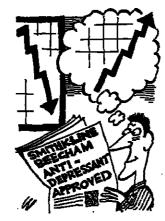
Diplomacy in the air

THERE was applause and much speculation at the Savoy yesterday as public adversaries Lord King and Richard Branson posed_together for photographers. The two were attending the huncheon for Business Traveller magazine's 1992 awards but what all those in attendence really wanted to know was whether the joint photograph meant that the law suits between Virgin and British Airways, alleging libel and dirty tricks. were now off. "Oh hostilities. People love to talk about such things," said a relaxed King. Branson, by contrast, seemed less inclined to be convivial. "It's like soldiers in the first world war having Christmas pudding together on Christmas day before resuming fighting." he confided. "The law suit's going ahead and we'll be in court on January 1] " Branson also revealed he had brought along a little present" for King — a packet of indigestion tablets. "I thought he might need them sitting next to me," he quipped. In the event, diplomacy prevailed. Each company won an award - BA for best overall airline and Virgin for best for business class.

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Old flames

LEAVING a trail of broken hearts across the City, Beryl "Bebe" King has finally given up the single state. King, in her forties, and an institutional dealer at Laurence Keen for the past 23 years, is on honeymoon in Brittany after tying



the knot with ambulanceman Leonard Gayler at St Giles Church, Farnborough, Kent, and celebrating with 400 or so friends at the Bromley Court Hotel. King and Gayler, a divorcee, were, in fact, romantically linked many years ago but, according to friends, they only rediscovered each other more recently. "She is one of the most popular girls in the City and half the market turned out," says Elizabeth Sullivan, a broker-turned-recruitment consultant, before adding that she was disappointed not to catch the bouquet. King however, had a good time. "Beryl was still boogeying at 2.30am," says Terry Bakewell, who sits next to her at Laurence Keen.

Full cream milk

UBS Phillips & Drew knows a well-connected graduate when it sees one. As part of this year's intake from the university milk round, the firm has netted one Natasha Clarke, from Durham university, as a traince in its corporate finance

department. Clarke, 22, and just back from a diving expedition in Australia, Fiji and Hawaii, is, it transpires, the daughter of Christopher Clarke, deputy chairman of the investment division of fund management group Henderson Administration, and head of all UK investment. Family friend Mark Bannister, ex-Morgan Stanley, is quick to point out that Natasha did not make use of her paternal connection to land the job. "Her father didn't even know she was looking for a City job until after she got it," he says.

Down under

JUST weeks after sweeping redundancies at Barings Securities, the merger of Barings' Australian broking arm yesterday with McIntosh, in Sydney, has made for another sad casualty in London. Tom Ferrend, 25, has been "let go" by McIntosh, after it decided that the merger called for a Barings man on board in London. Jamie Taylor thus moves across from Barings to Meintosh while Ferrend, with McIntosh for three years, where he handled European sales of Australian equities, loses his job. Ken Thompson, head of Meintosh's UK office, admits it is "tough" on Ferrend. "He's diligent, loyal and knows his job. That's what so tragic." Meanwhile, Ferrend, who discovered Australia on holiday after leaving Milton Abbey school in 1986. hopes someone wants a bright

full of Aussie stocks.

young salesman with his head

BUSINESS LETTERS

Analysing the row with Germany

From A. A .W. Landymore

Sir. We must all agree with the prime minister that a line has to be drawn under the row which has beset Anglo-German relations. But before that line is finally drawn, The Times, as a principal journal of record, has a duty to future historians.

The analysis of the Trea-

sury-Bundesbank dispute in the annotated chart in your issue of October 2 puts things mainly in terms of official statements and actions of the Bundesbank and of Dr. Schlesinger in particular. Yet there was no dearth of hints, opinions and comments, attributable and unattributable. emanating from other sources in the Bundesbank in the runup to these events, as summed up by Anatole Kaletsky in the article below the chart.

The effects of these other sources should not be ignored. The two elements need to be brought together in terms of international money market behaviour. The relevant rules appear to be: (a) to give credence to the statements and leaks of the stronger party and

in particular to pay special attention to passages included in advance press copies but omitted from speeches as delivered; (b) to cast doubt on any dementis or corrective statements from the same sources; and (c) to treat any statements by the weaker parties with scepticism. It is reasonable to infer that the statements documented by Mr. Kaletsky had far more influence on the fate of the pound than anything said or unsaid by Dr. Schlesinger, except when it came to the fait

accompli. As regards the charges of malice, the Bundesbank has to be given the benefit of the doubt. But if finally there is to be an independent European Central Bank, it is to be hoped that it will be endowed with less naivety about money marbehaviour than the Bundesbank has shown.

Yours faithfully A.A.W. LANDYMORE and P.G. BRANGWYN. Gotham Wood House, Sandhurst Lane. Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

Values that served the Victorians well

From P. J. Harrod

Sir, Mildred Bateman's recommendation (Business Letters September 29) to Dr J.D. Jackson that he forgive his son repayment of his loan is superficially appealing.

However, is not this suggestion a product of the "easycome, easy-go," society that has proved so damaging to Britain? When my great grandfather, Charles Harrod, decided to retire from the small grocery business that he CAROL LEONARD | had founded, he did not give it

to his son. He sold it to him with payment to be made over four years. In order to meet his obligations to his father the son had to summon up and employ all the virtues of hard work, management skill and vision. The result can be clearly seen in Knightsbridge today. Perhaps Victorian values are best after all.

Yours faithfully. P. J. B. HARROD. Medebank. Knowle Grove

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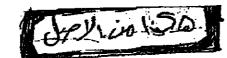
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EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The no-fuss single market

least, the single market is already here. Europe's networks and services have come a long way in a very short time. Only ten years ago, monopolies, most of them government departments staffed by civil servants, had complete control over the continent's telecommunications. Today. there is hardly a country left where there is not at least some private. involvement. In some countries, the private sector is in complete

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Throughout this process Britain has played a leading role. The first moves towards an open telecommunications market in this country came in 1980, when the intention was announced to split the General Post Office, the GPO, into the Royal Mail, a service for delivering parcels and letters, and Braish Telecom. At the same time, the government announced its intention of ending BT's monopoly of the supply of telecommunications equipment and the offering of

In 1981, the telecommunications bill setting up the legal base for the government's intended reforms was given the Royal Assent. By 1982 a second leading network operator. Mercury Communications, had been licensed, and plans to privatise BT and to create an independent regulator, Oftel, were announced.

By 1985, not only was there a

second fixed-telephone network in operation in Britain, but there were also two mobile-telephone networks and over 70 operators of value added network services. The market for telecommunications equipment was, by then, completely open, as were the markets for service and maintenance.

Most of the rest of Europe has taken a little longer to arrive at the same or sometimes a lesser degree of liberalisation in telecommunications. Initially, every country adoptits own approach to liberalisation. It was not long before the European Commission saw the approaching chaos and intervened. Its first great landmark was its green paper on telecommunications published

In this the commission set out its strategy for co-ordinating the tiberalisation message to create a single European telecommunications market. Since 1987, it has

Britain has led the way in opening up Europe's networks and services to the private sector. Peter Purton assesses the changes



Child's play: the market for mobile telephones has been liberalised in most countries

break many of the monopolies which used to be enjoyed by the national telecommunications administrations. It also tackled prob-lems such as lack of resources for standards creation and the performance testing and approval of telecommunications equipment.

The commission has large public network operators, who still account for the biggest part of the telecommunications equipment market, purchase through open public

tendering. The European market for simple terminal equipment, such as telephones and fax machines, is now completely open. The market for more complex terminals, such as office telephone systems, is open in most

On the services side, the market for mobile telephony has been liberalised in most countries. Even in those where competition is not yet allowed, liberalisation is

planned. Other mobile communications technologies, such as radiopaging, mobile radio and mobile data, are fairly open to competition, with Britain, Germany and France leading the way. The markets for data communications services are open across Europe, but just how

Prices have risen and Britain is the most expensive for phone bills

> you look at and how you read the Satellite communications technologies, such as very small aperture terminal (V-SAT) systems, have been opened up in the main European countries, as well as in

several smaller ones. This may turn

out to be a very significant step,

open depends on which country

nity to bypass local fixed-network operators completely. They can also handle a range of different signals. They can cope with everything from low-rate data through to broadcast quality television, and can provide economical alternatives to a range of services, from point-to-point leased lines

> tions networks. The restrictions that remain on access to telecommunications markets are mainly on basic telecommunications services, specifically the carrying of the information, and on voice

to personal communica-

communications, the two core revenue generators for the national carriers. But even here inroads have been made. In Germany, the previous block on private companies offering voice links via satellite was lifted to help improve communications between the former East and West Germanies. The dispensation was said to be temporary, but few believe that it will be easy to reimpose restrictions. The effects of European Community telecommunications policy have also extended beyond the community. Sweden has mirrored EC policies with its own telecom-

munications regulatory reforms. In 1990, it became the second country in Europe to allow competition in the long-distance telecommunications network. In the past few weeks Finland announced its intention of introducing competition in long-distance and local networks.

In Britain, more or less all the remaining restrictions on entering the telecommunications network operating business have been lifted. As a result of the new policy introduced by the government last year, over 30 companies or consor-tia have bid to receive licences to operate telephone networks, and most of the country's 5! cabletelevision network operators are either planning or already offering telephone services on their cable broadcast networks.

hey say they offer a dis-count of at least 10 per cent on BT rates, and BT sources admit that in areas where cable television is offering telephone services, they expect to lose almost a third of their

Few doubt that the introduction of competition to telecommunications has improved service quality. In London in the early 1980s many exchanges were pre-war electromechanical designs. Today Britain is close to becoming the first leading country in the world with a completely digital public telephone

One area where the benefits of competition policy have not yet been proved, however, is that of lower prices. Despite predictions that more competition would inevitably result in lower costs, prices and tariffs have been falling equally quickly in countries with liberal and not so liberal regimes. Britain's prices have been steadily rising up the table of countries. Of Western Europe's principal countries, it is now the most expensive for its average telephone bill.

This does not necessarily mean that competition does not lead to lower prices than monopolies. It might just mean that even the threat of depriving a monopoly of its privileges can be a very strong motivation to providing customers with a better deal.

Commuting to the front room

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enquiry operators volunteered to answer callers using special ter-minals installed in their own homes, the company has offered thousands of its junior and professional staff the chance to become "teleworkers".

Linked to their offices by telephone, personal computers and facsimile machines, staff will be able to do their jobs without ever leaving home. For these people, commuting will become a matter of walking down the

BT estimates that by 1995 about 2.25 million Britons will be working from home, and the Henley Centre for Forecasting predicts ten mil-lion by 1999.

Teleworking, sometimes called Teleworking telecommuting, is not a new idea, and is obviously also has quantifiable not applicable to every sort of occupation. At present, writers, financial benefits for consultants, sales employers professionals, marketers, engi-

neers and computer programmers probably consti-tute the bulk of the teleworker population.

However, as the business of communicating, processing and manipulating information is assuming greater importance in the national economy, teleworking is becoming more wide-spread. At the same time, the increasing cost, time and difficul-ty of simply getting to the office is attracting converts from outside the information industry. Teleworking also has some

quantifiable benefits for employers. In a Gallup survey carried out for Mercury Communica-tions last year, 97 per cent of the nearly 250 companies surveyed considered the arrangement to be effective. Forty-two per cent believed that it led to increased efficiency, 40 per cent that it brought increased productivity. and 38 per cent that it produced

cost savings.
Of those who had had

ollowing a pilot scheme in teleworking staff for over five years, 32 per cent were likely to extend the opportunity to more extend the opportunity to more staff in the near future, while 46 per cent of newcomers to teleworking were likely to in-crease the number of home workers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that teleworking reduces corporate overheads, reduces time lost through sickness, and can play a part in retaining key

Of course, not everything in the teleworking garden is rosy. Setting up a home worker is not cheap. The cost of equipping each BT directory enquiry opera-tor, for example, was about £17,000. Too little supervisory contact can be a problem, as can too much when management

overcompensates individual's physiconstantly calling. Finally, isola-tion can be difficult for emplayees. To overcome this, the BT operators are equipped with electronic mail facilities and videophones. The latter

furnish direct contact with the operators' supervisor and, during breaks, allow them to chat to each other or catch up on the

office gossip. A big expansion in the number of teleworkers could come with increased awareness among employers of the advantages. The Mercury Gallup survey, for example, indicates that, of those companies which at present do not have any teleworkers, most know virtually nothing about the

Britain has an international lead in telecommuting. The Inverness trial is being managed by a BT research team led by Mike Gray. "We want to develop support systems to ease the changes in lifestyles," Mr Gray says. "This experiment is unique."

JOHN WILLIAMSON The author is the international



Does the key to globalisation lie in how much territory you cover or how well you cover it?

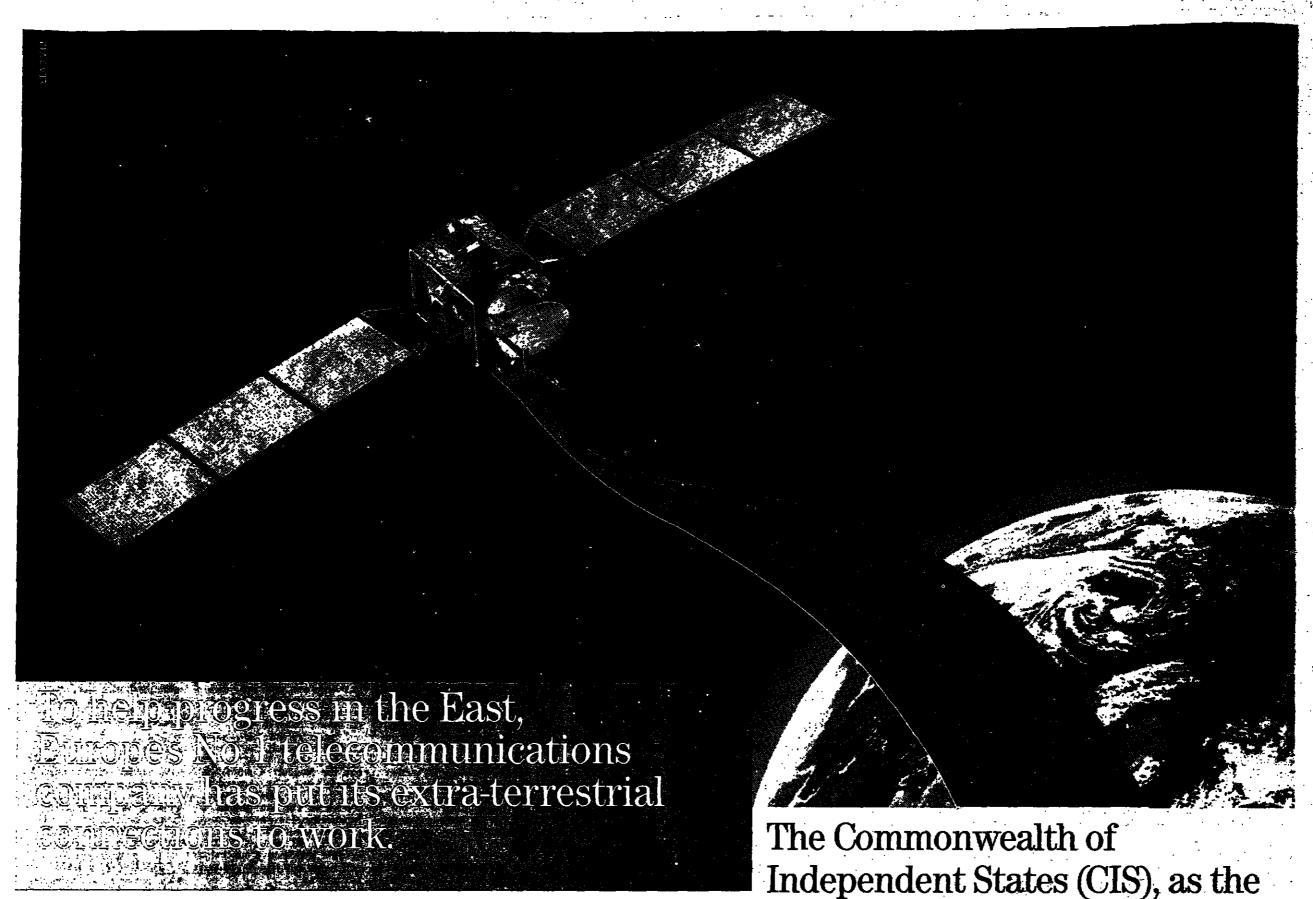
Notice how every communications supplier is trying to outshout another about how many offices it has around the world?

At AT&T, we believe it's what we can do for you at our offices that makes us an effective resource, not just that we do business in over 130 countries. What matters most is the quality of relationships we've built over many years with local telephone companies, and the experience we've gained from that.

Our international network, for example, handles over a billion calls a year. We're also working with nations that are busy building the infrastructures that support global communications. And we have the R&D resources of AT&T Bell Laboratories and the financial strength that enable us to make longterm commitments to new markets.

How to tell global claims apart? Look for the company that's more interested in how well your offices around the world are doing rather than its own.





successor to the former Soviet Union, needs support in numerous areas. And it needs access to the established market economies. A prerequisite for that is a functioning telecommunications infrastructure. Just how damaging the lack of one

can be to a country's economy has been amply demonstrated in the former GDR.

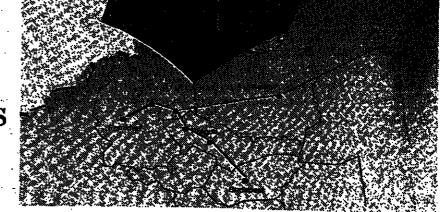
Today, Telekom is making a significant contribution to the new era of cooperation: together with other partners from German industry, we have created the

ROMANTIS project to help the CIS develop a satellite-supported communications network to connect its member countries both to each other and to the West's telephone network. From 1995, a total of 3 million lines should be in place. But Telekom involvement goes further. With the TEL (Trans-Europe Line) project, we are planning a fibre optics cable that goes from Frankfurt via Prague to Warsaw, Budapest, Moscow and the Baltic States. Those are just two examples of how Telekom is

helping Eastern Europe to gain access to the industrialised nations of the West: all in the interest of economic recovery and improved relations. So if you have challenging communications problems to solve, talk to Europe's largest telecommunications company – Telekom.

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By Christmas a cheap videophone will allow callers to see and be seen over ordinary lines, Paul Chambers reports

Smile! You're on the phone

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cheap videonelephone is costs \$1,499 to buy or \$30 a day to about to appear on the rent.

The potential market is harge ers in the United Kingom, probably in time for bristmas, if all goes to plan. Its taker, Marconi Electronics, of brehamwood, Hertfordshire, bpes it will be accepted for use in ther countries as well. This could ne day make it possible for clinary telephone subscribers all round the world to see each other the same time as they talk.

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Videotelephony has been around or some time in the form of videoonferencing. This enables comany executives to talk to each ither, see each other and share sictures of documents without leaving their home base, and got a big coost during the Gulf war. Companies were frightened about sendng executives on aircraft, and

rideoconferencing boomed.

The trouble is that videoconferencing for businesses has been expensive. Typically, executives go to a dedicated studio and use equipment designed to work over the most modern digital telephone networks. There are indi-vidual digital videotelephones, used to bring executives into videoconferences if they cannot make it to the studio, but they cost between £8,000 and £15,000.

The new videophones are different. They are cheaper because they do not need a connection to digital networks and are designed to work over ordinary "analogue" tele-phone networks. The one made by Marconi Electronics will cost about 400 (\$750 in the United States).

The potential market is highersome estimates put it at \$500 million in five years' time - so there has been a race to bring the analogue videophone to market. AT&T got there first, launching its product at the beginning of this year. Marconi previewed its product at a rade show in Geneva

nearly a year ago, but did not release it until very recently.

The Marconi product, a homegrown spin-off from its military work, measures 7in by 9in, incorporates modern telephone func-

The potential is huge - some estimates put it at \$500 million in five years' time

tions like memory and repeat dialling and has a 3in by 4in flipup colour screen with an inbuilt video camera. The AT&T product, developed in conjunction with Compression Labs of San Jose, California, will also have a 3in screen and will transmit pictures at

Marconi makes no bones about its plans to corner the market. It hopes its product will become the de facto standard equipment for The other, by AT&T, the American analogue videotelephony around operator and equipment maker, the world. Not only has it recently

from BT, the British operator, but it also announced at the end of September a real coup: MCI Communications, a competitor of AT&T, agreed that it would distribnte the Marconi product in the United States. It could also get a contract to make the videophone for Amstrad, the British electronics company, which is making a determined push on the domestic telecommunications equipment

As part of its drive for supremacy, Marcani is talking to other opera-tors, both in Europe and the Far East, about distributing its videophone. Dexter Smith, the company spokesman, says: "We have ongo-ing discussions in continental Europe and the Far East." He says more agreements could come "relatively soon", though he will not say whether that means this year or

AT&T is playing down the significance of the Marconi move into the US. Dominic Fry, a company spokesman, says: "We were first into the market. It is granifying to see other people sharing our vision that people will want to communicate visually in

On price, he says: "It is all to do with people having a choice. If you look around the car park, you see different cars people pay different prices for. Our research indicates consumers are rejecting lowerquality videophone technology at

AT&T itself could export its technology abroad. It has said it wants to enter the European mar-ket. But Mr Fry declines to com-



In the picture: doctors can consult their colleagues and exchange visual information over long distances using videotelephones

ment on the state of possible plans to sell its own videophone in

There are still technical issues to be sorted out. At a show in Hanover in March, for example, Mike Zeaman, the company's district public relations manager (consum-er products), said it was thought the videophone would need modification for operation in Germany. Otherwise, the network operated by Deutsche Bundespost Telekom might filter out some parts of the

signal.

Marconi claims the modifications needed to connect its own

videophone in the US have been "tiny little circuit changes". It denies there is any subsidy involved in bringing down the price of its videophone. Mr Smith claims that the Marconi price advantage over the AT&T videophone comes from the fact that the videophone components are "derived from technologies we already have some mastery of".

Richard Couldhardt, another spokesman for Marconi, says: "The whole art of what our engineers are affordability. We can produce for

produce for £300." He too denies there is a subsidy involved. "We have to turn out the lights when we leave the office," he says.

Naturally the arrival of the analogue videophone does not spell danger for digital videophones. The two products are conceived for totally different markets. The person buying a digital videophone gets higher quality, though he or she buys a more expensive product. says Dave Hughes. BT's product manager of cordless and digital phones and answering machines.

Moreover, the price of digital

too. "We expect that the price of a digital videophone in 1995 will to be about £1,000," says Tom Doyle, director of GPT Video and ISDN Systems. The company is based in Maidstone, and is a division of GPT, of Beeston in Nottinghamshire.

There could in future be massmarket versions of digital videophones as the integrated services digital network spreads around the world. One thing is certain: the analogue videophone will have a pioneering role in bringing videocommunications to the mass

Supercarriers shape up for battle

Global alliances are forming between telecom giants for-

corporate markets

everal of the world's more ambitious telecommunica-tions operators are gearing up to transform themselves into global "supercarriers", offering so-phisticated, end-to-end services to international corporate customer anywhere in the world. Analysts believe that only three or four such entities will dominate the lucrative market for international private networking by the turn of the century.

The notion of the supercarrier has appeared in the pages of analysts reports for some time now, but the drive by telephone companies to capture the private network business of customers at home and abroad has only recently started to move the concept towards reality. Providing and managing international corporate networks known as "outsourcing" - could be big business for the telephone operators. At present, corporations spend about \$3 billion running their own international networks, and the market is growing at between 15 and 20 per cent

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There are two elements to the international outsourcing equation, both involving competition. On the carrier side, the introduction of service competition in an increasing number of countries has reduced the incumbent operators' market and revenues and persuaded some to target high-spending international corporations by way

of compensation. From the corporate customer's point of view, the globalisation of markets in many industrial and



At the hub: the Syncordia network control centre in Atlanta, Georgia, in the United States

commercial sectors is both a cause and an effect of greater competi-end-to-end network management, and an effect of greater competition. One response for a growing number of enterprises is to concentrate on their basic business and to hive off other activities, including telecommunications,

International outsourcing moved into a higher gear last October when BT announced the formation of Syncordia. BT already provided managed data network services through its wholly-owned Global Network Services (GNS) business, but the new venture was to have a much wider remit, including Telekom of Germany and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) of Japan as subordinate shareholders. This embryonic supercarrier allicomplete system outsourcing and a round-the-clock multilingual customer service facility available from a number of centres around the world. Future service possibilities included international cashless calling, worldwide numbering and mobile cellular services.

However, efforts to enlarge Syncordia's ownership have so far failed. Telekom's entry was linked to France Télécom's taking a piece of the action, but terms could not be reached. Negotiations with NTT have apparently now ceased, although the Japanese carrier may act as a distributor of Syncordia First to form a rival grouping

were the Dutch and Swedish national carriers. One of the two Unisource operating companies which the duo established has now taken on the Swiss carrier as an equal shareholder, and a search is on for additional backing in the Far East. Unisource has also made a deal with US Sprint, the North American carrier, to interconnect networks.

Meanwhile Telekom and France Télécom are setting up their own outsourcing venture, dubbed Eunetcom, and are believed to be talking to Telefonica of Spain and SIP of Italy about possible partnership terms.

Undeterred, BT is reportedly plotting the construction of its own global network which could be used

to carry both Syncordia and GNS traffic. According to leaked docu-ments, the \$1 billion network is codenamed Cyclone.

Cyclone will supposedly begin construction next year with the installation of four large switching centres in London, New York, Frankfurt and Sydney. BT will spend about \$86 million in the first year of the project. In subsequent phases, up to the year 2002, an additional 28 network hubs will be added in leading business centres around the globe, starting with Paris and Tokyo in 1994.

The documents indicate that BT aims to offer voice, data and video services and include worldwide numbering and customised billing options. Prices would be between 5 and 15 per cent lower than conventional international dial-up rates. In line with the Cyclone plan, talk at Syncordia itself is now about getting more business rather than acquiring more partners. However, some doubts have

been expressed about the viability of BT's taking the supercarrier route alone, given the very high levels of investment required and the probable hostility from operators in whose territory Cyclone's switching hubs are located. Peter Wilkinson, a director of the Quotient Communications consultancy, based in Britain, points out that Cable & Wireless Global Digital Highway transmission system is being built up on an incremental basis and that the company is looking for partnerships to achieve

Mr Wilkinson points out that any would-be supercarrier will have to have very good local resources in place to service its customers in competition with incumbent operators. "The major issue is not the network," he says, "it's the customer at the end of the network."

JOHN WILLIAMSON

In search of the missing link

At present, mobile data communications

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computers on the move is becoming commonplace, thanks to the development of laptop and even pocket computers.
But there is still something missing before mobile computing can be
like what they see.

In Sundsvall, in Sweden, SCA, the forestry group, uses mobile data come really useful

Comet, the electrical retailing group, recently bought a number of Zenith laptops, each equipped with an internal modem, to allow regional managers to find out key information about the performance of branches for which they are responsible, from wherever they may be. The laptops give Comer's managers direct access to data on stocking levels, sales performance, budget targets and credit turnover. The managers are then able to use the information to congratulate their teams or tell them to buck up.

However, this happy tale of mobile computing has a flaw. The managers have to hunt around for a spare telephone socket in order to communicate. For Comet, as well as for many other users, the mobile data options available today are simply too complex and too expensive.

Mobile data is not

an easy buying decision for customers. They must know not only about communications soft-ware and modems, but also about radio communications. There are also a confusing number of mobile data technologies. As well as the services offered by the dedicated mobile data net-

work operators, there are those offered by cellular and mobile radio networks. And all these services are incompatible.

To make matters worse, the situation varies from country to country, making it impossible to create a pan-European network. Sweden was the first country in Europe to have its own dedicated national mobile data network when Swedish Telecom, the national carrier, launched its Mobitex service in 1984. But even today, there are only 8,000 users.

In Germany, the country everyone expects to yield the largest market for mobile data, Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, the national carrier, has only just begun testing mobile data. France is only just in the process of licensing two mobile data network operators, one of which is expected to be France Télécom, the national carrier. In Britain four companies were

licensed to offer mobile data services in 1988, but only three have launched a service, and one of these has since been closed down. It looks less and less likely that the company which has not yet launched its service will do so.

ing up for mobile data. Market analysts such as Frost & Sullivan of New York and CIT, based in London, both predict a much

cross Europe, the use of increased take-up of the technology across Europe in the next five years. There are also signs that, once users have mastered mobile data, they

> to teed loggers with the informa tion to cut trees to order. In Gothenburg, the public transport authority uses it to coordinate bus movements. In future it may even control the traffic lights.

> In Manchester, the fire service uses mobile data to access information about chemical fires. They estimate it can take two to three minutes to obtain this data by voice link. With mobile data it takes just 30-45 seconds. In Finland, the analogue cellular

radio system is used to provide data links between people's offices and their holiday homes, often in remote parts of the country where the cost of installing a fixed link would be prohibitive. British Airways uses mobile data

to accelerate baggage-handling at both Heathrow airport, near London, and John F. Kennedy in New York. This is probably the first transatiantic mobile

data application. There are even standards emerging, promising an end to both the technology confusion and the geographical restrictions. To push Mobitex as a global standard. Swedish Telecom has teamed up with Norwegian

what they see Telecom, Finnish Telecom, France Télécom, Hutchison

Telecom of Hong Kong, Cantel of Canada and Bell South and Ram Broadcasting of the United States to form the Mobitex Operators Association. Motorola, the American com-

pany, has responded by forming its own group to push its RD-LAP specification. Members of the Worldwide Wireless Data Network Operators Group include Ardis of the United States, Deutsche Bundespost Telekom and Hutchison Mobile Data. The new pan-European mobile

telephone system, Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM), also promises to yield a mobile data standard. Because of its shorter call set-up times, high data transmission rates and digital format, it is much better suited to mobile data applications than today's analogue cellular radio sys-tems. The European

Telecommunications Standards Institute is looking at implementing a data version of its trunked mobile radio standard, Tetra.

Even Comet has not given up looking for a mobile data solution. It is just waiting for somebody to come to it with a clear and simple proposition which does not cost the earth. Is that too much to ask?

MARLA MADISON

Spreading the net

The integrated services digital network promises easy access to multimedia applications

7 hat could be the world's most talked about but least seen telecommunications technology, has arrived. Hundreds of thousands of people throughout Europe are now using the integrated services digital network, or ISDN. Marla Madison

First proposed in the mid-1970s. ISDN has taken much longer to be turned into reality. than expected. The original idea was to save carriers money by allowing them to integrate previonsly separate networks for voice, data, text and image. But the omplexity of the whole task, as vell as the cost of its development, was severely underestimated. The need from the carriers point of view also became less irgent when both customers and the threat of competition urged them to concentrate on their core activity, switching telephone calls. But now ISDN has come of age in an era where multimedia tech-

nology is the latest trend. Its ability

to handle voice, data, text or image

with equal facility makes it a

natural partner for a new genera-

tion of emerging computer appli-

cations which include sound,

image and information. Time has also allowed the

carriers to accumulate the investment necessary to make ISDN widely available. Germany and France between them have over 100,000 basic-rate connections and 10,000 primary-rate connections in use. In Britain, BT has some 5.000 basic-rate and 3,000 primary-rate ISDN connections in service. In Belgium, commercial ISDN was launched in 1989 and is

today available nationwide. In Switzerland, a primaryrate service has just been launched, and a full basicrate service is due to start in October. And in Italy, a pilot ISDN that was started last year is now accessible from Bari, Bologna, Genoa, Milan, Naples, Palermo, Pisa, Rome, Turin, Trento

and Venice. Over the past year, the number of basic-rate ISDN connections in use around the world has gone up threefold to over 700,000. For

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primary-rate ISDN, the rise has been fourfold to over 30,000.

Mercury, plan to upgrade their services to conform to the new As well as the stimulus given to ISDN by the availability of multimedia computer applications, thanks to digitalisation of their networks many telecommunications carriers now find it cheaper to connect to their larger customers

ISDN has come of age in an era of multimedia technology

via ISDN than through conventional analogue links. Another stimulus to ISDN is

coming from the increasing international compatibility of services. This will come to a head next year when Euro-ISDN, a single ISDN -standard for the whole of Europe.

Euro-ISDN standard by the end of this year. By the second half of 1993, all Belgian ISDN exchanges will support it, and in Italy a full commercial Euro-ISDN service will begin during 1993. Applications for ISDN range from a low-cost back-

up for a dedicated private data line linking computers at different locations to a means of linking videophones. One of the most exciting application areas, however,

promises to be in allowing computer applications and the information carried by ISDN's signalling facilities to interact. These computer-controlled applications, for instance, could herald a whole new level of service functionality on office telephone

Nowhere is this likely to have more of an impact than in han-Both British operators, BT and dling customers. ISDN facilities development of computing.

such as caller ID can be exploited to automate call-handling processes which can waste valuable telephone minutes and annoy customers asked to hang on. It could even empower all organisation members to handle customer inquiries, boosting organisational efficiency.

The inherent quality of digital lines, combined with developments in data compression, also mean that ISDN can have broadcast applications. Already Capital Radio in London has used it to relay sports commentaries, and in France a major chain of record shops, FNAC, uses ISDN 10 update material which can be heard by customers at listening posts in its outlets.

In Germany, medical researchers are using the digital network to hold conferences with colleagues. exchanging text, image and data to supplement their conversations. The possibilities are enormous. So much so that John Sculley.

chairman of Apple Computer, in a recent television interview on the American Cable News Network. Nevertheless, things may be lookpredicted that telecommunications will dominate the next stage of the

Telecommunications led the last bout of business growth. Peter Purton asks if it can do it again. Desperate for privatisation

The cost of reunification has driven Deutsche Telekom to the brink

n answer is expected very soon on whether the Bundestag, Germany's parliament, will amend the country's constitution to release Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, the national telecommunications carrier, from its status as a public authority. Peter Purton writes. If the answer is yes, and most observers believe it will be, the decision could come in the nick of time for Telekom's management

A positive Bundestag deci-sion would mark the final stage of a transformation that only ten years ago most insiders in Germany's telecommunications were saying could never happen. The journey started in the

mid-1980s. tional criticism of Germany's dosed telecommunications market led to a review of the monopolies of the Deutsche Bundespost, then the national postal authority. The review, led

by Professor Eberhard Witte. a respected economist, was com-pleted in 1987.

and by 1988 Dr Christian Schwarz-Schilling, the minis-ter responsible, had translated it into legislation. The new Telecommunications Law deprived the Bundespost of alali telecommunications monopolies, except in the basic carry-ing of voice traffic in the fixed

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Schwarz-Schilling

As significant as the loss of its monopoly was the decision Bundespost into three separate entities, one responsible for its courier duties, another for its savings bank, and a third for telecommunications. By the end of 1990. Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, as the telecommunications entity vas named, had recruited a

chairman from the private sector, Helmut Ricke, previously head of Loewe, the consumer

manufacturer. The next big step came in November 1989 with the fall of the Berlin Wall. It was clear from the outset that a priority for a united Germany would be the regeneration of the former German Democratic Republic's neglected infra-structure and that the telecommunications networks would require billions deutschmarks to be brought up to anything like the stan-

dards of the Federal Republic. Last year alone, Telekom invested DM5.5 billion (£2.2 billion) in the former GDR, making it the

largest single investor in eastern Germany. This year the figure is expected to double to DM 11 billion (£4.5 billion), and by 1997 total investment is expected to reach DM60 billion (£24.6 However, this

burden is crippling Telekom, which just broke even on a turnover of DM47.2

billion (£19.4 billion) last year. As a result of the absence of profits and the continued need for high investment in the east, Telekom's capital and reserves as a proportion of assets fell to 27 per cent, well below the 33 per cent required of it by German law.

Telekom's management has made no secret of wanting to be released from public administration, if not ownership. 'As long as Telekom remains in the web of paragraphs of the public service and the public budget laws, it will not achieve the flexibility it needs to secure its long-term survival and make Germany an attractive location for business and industry," Herr Ricke noted in From boom to bust to boom?

nopoly of telecommunications in 1982, the sector played a large role in the economic boom of the Thatcher years. Within a few years, the business mushroomed from sales of a few billion pounds a year to tens of billions.

Telecommunications trap-pings such as the mobile phone and the facsimile machine even became symbols of prosperity. BT's privatisation proved the model on which further attempts at creating a nation of shareholders was

However, the telecommunications sector, and in particular the mobile telephone business, was also the one that led the nation into recession. The fall in the mobile telephone business started in 1989, after almost five years of unexpected boom. In some years the sector's growth had been higher than 100 per

The scale of recession in the sector also came as a surprise. Of more than 70 cellular service providers at the peak of the business, just over half remain in business. And, unfortunately for the mobile communications industry. when the recession moved on to other sectors, these included many of its best customers, such as those in finance or construction, which were hit the hardest.

Despite the setbacks, however, the government is keen to keep the flame it has kindled in the telecommunications sector burning. Last year it announced a new, even freer telecommunications policy. Following a year-long review of BT's and Mercury's dominance of fixed telecommunications services, it declared not only an end to the duopoly, but also "an end to the era of managed regulation". The hope is that somehow

can work its magic on the economy again. In response to the government's invitation. more than 30 companies have since applied to be allowed to run fixed-link telecommunica-Mr Gillick sees it as para-

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Proposed services range from local radio-based tele-

The scale of recession in the sector came as a surprise

phone networks to national trunks using fibre optics run along canal beds. Likely recipients of the new licences include Sprint, the American long-distance carrier. National Network, a spin-off from Windsor Cable, and Ionica, a new company based in Cam-

However, very little has yet been done. For many, the process is taking too long. Raising finance for such capital-intensive projects as tele-communications is difficult in communications is difficult in the present economic climate. Even putting together a business plan in such a period of uncertainty is beset with difficulties. But particular criticism is being levelled at the speed with which the telecommunications regulatory system is awarding and finalising licences.

David Gillick, senior analyst at PA Consulting, based in London, believes the effectiveness of telecommunications regulation should have been reviewed as well as the duopoly. "Competition must be real, not just something presented by governments or regula-tors," he says. Given the importance of telecommunica-

tions to the global economy, it is very important to get the issue of its regulation sorted

doxical that the more a market is liberalised, the more it appears to need regulating. He believes there must be something wrong with this situation.

The Canadians appear to agree. In Canada's new telecommunications act, currently before its parliament, a princi-ple of forbearance has been established. This means that the regulator automatically withdraws its regulation once the market begins to regulate itself. Mr Gillick would like to see a similar principle introduced into British telecommunications regulation.

"Why continue to regulate when the market can sort it out for itself?" he asks. He believes a similar move in Britain might give the telecommunications scene the shot in the arm it needs to move it out of the doldrums. Then its spell might be persuaded to work



Crossed wires: more than 30 companies have applied to offer fixed-link services

Connecting with the east

he disintegration of the former Soviet Union and the collapse of totalitarian regimes in central and eastern Europe have focused attention on a telecommunications "famine" whose existence was long suspected but the extent of which is scarcely credible. In some

places, would-be subscribers routinely had to wait for more than ten years to get a telephone line, and in one former Soviet republic, the waiting list was reportedly 34 years long. Recognising that commun-

ications is one of the key enabling infrastructures on which the improvement of industrial, commercial and social life depends, all governments in the region have put the modernisation and expansion of their telecommunica-tions networks high on the

political agenda.

The task of these governments is formidable. Such equipment, have high fault rates and cannot meet a fraction of the demand for capacity from business and

residential customers. At the end of the 1980s, the average telephone penetration in eastern Europe was about 12 per 100 inhabitants, compared with over 40 in the European Community. A new estimate by the Arthur D. Little consultancy has put the cost of adding 85 million new telephone lines, to bring the regional penetration level up to 30 per 100 inhabitants, at \$100 billion.

Since eastern Europe is swamped with debt and deficient in the hard currencies in which modern telecommunications equipment and services are internationally traded, the only way forward is

The obstacles are formidable, but fortune beckons in eastern Europe

through -overseas investment and joint ventures with foreign

However, these groups face considerable disincentives. Repatriation of their profits is difficult, and there is often a hefty up-front "donation", the price which foreign investors must pay to enter a market.

Then there is the difficulty of operating in completely unknown commercial territory. "Often there isn't a body of information about the marketeastern telecommunications companies, western partners have found that turnover is synonymous with profit.

Investment needs to be accompanied by an injection of business expertise. According to London-based PA Consulting, which is advising the Czech and Slovak governments on their telecommunications infrastructure, the local trations are only just begin-

The region can leapfrog older generations of technology to take advantage of the most modern solutions to its problems

place," says John Carrington, director of new business and mobile communications at Cable & Wireless of Britain. "You cannot turn to multiclient studies because there

aren't any." Political instability is another important complication. Not only is the complexion of governments likely to change, bringing with it different policies on telecommunications, but the continuing move towards federalism can make network planning a

nightmare. Finally, most of the countries in the region have very imperfect ideas of how commercial businesses need to be run and how market economies function. With some importance of long-term rela-tionships with their major customers and key account

management.

Of the forthcoming opportunities for foreign interests to buy a stake in these organisations. Mike Bisset, PA Consulting's director for the territory, says: "Money by itself will not achieve what they need to achieve. They need market-facing expertise."

If eastern Europe has some big disadvantages as a market tions vendors, it also has some notable attractions. In addition to huge unsatisfied demand, at present the region has few existing "preferred" supplier arrangements and little in the way of modern

plant needing to be amortised over an extended period.

If Cocom regulations against the exporting of strategically important products permit, the region can also leapfrog older generations of technology to take advantage of the most modern solutions to its problems. This has already happened with the use of radio systems instead of wires to provide local tele phone connections.

Small dish satellite communications technology, still in its infancy in western Europe, is also forecast to boom in the east. A recent report from the Frost & Sullivan consultancy predicted that by 2001 countries in the east rould dominate a European market for two-way dishes worth 370 million ecu (£288

In principle, eastern European governments now have the opportunity to restructure tors with the mix of monopoly and competition which best suits local conditions. Joint ventures between government bodies and private investors have built business overlay networks in Russia cellular telephone networks in Czechoslovakia and are starting to construct local telephone sys-

tems in Hungary.
Regulatory reform is no panacea by itself. Mr Bisset notes that telecommunications tariffs are hugely uneconomic in some locations because they have not had to fund investment in the past "Foreign investors will want to see a return, which means prices will have to rise. Otherwise investors will not be

JOHN WILLIAMSON

British Airways demands the best for its passengers by constantly improving custome

service and co-ordinating ground operations more effectively. Indeed, with passenger volumes set to double by the year 2000, British Airways has recognised the need for a mobile data system to give staff first band, real-time access to information. Naturally. they saw the opportunity to combine their own business acumen and technical skills with those of RAM Mobile Data.

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The future is cordless

¬ he telecommunications ideal is to create a universal communicator that can be held in the palm of the hand and enable the user to make calls to, and receive them from, any part of the world.

The pocket-sized CT-2 (cordless telephone, second generation) handsets come close. The same handset can be used as a cordless telephone at home, or as a wireless extension to the telephone switchboard in the office, as well as being used for the public Telepoint service.

There is also the digital European cordless telephone (DECT), whose standards have recently been agreed as a full pan-European standard by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), with the result that even more sophisticated prod-ucts will be introduced within the next year or two.

The Telepoint service enables a subscriber to make telephone calls to anywhere in the world as long as the caller is within 100 to 200 metres of a base station. In practice, the caller dials the required number, and the Telepoint pocket telephone contacts the base station, a transmitter unit which provides a connection with the national telephone network, and the call can then be connected to another telephone anywhere in the world. like any other call.



There were originally four Telepoint operators in the United Kingdom when the services were launched. Only one remains, and that is now owned by Hutchison Telecom, a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong.

Hutchison's service is now in use in selected areas in the UK under the brand name of Rabbit. The service started in May in the Greater Manchester area, and Hutchison aims to have it operating in all major towns and cities before the end of the montin.

The basic Rabbit package, including handset, charger and signing-on fee, is about £175, plus a monthly network access charge of £6. Calls are

charged at 20p a minute peak rate, and 10p off-peak. Other packages include a private base station, so that the handset can also serve as a cordless telephone in the home.

GPT, the manufacturer of much of the CT-2 equipment. is also offering a cordless telephone system which will support up to 30 extensions. This is shortly to be followed by a system for 100 extensions, which can be a mixture of wired and cordless.

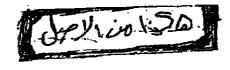
A number of other companies, including Motorola, Northern Telecom, Panasonic, Sony and Orbitel, are either making or about to make CT-2 products to serve a growing market in this coun-

Hutchison Personal Communications predicts an annual growth of around 8 per cent in the UK cordless telephone market, with about 5.3 million cordiess users by 1997 and annual handset and base station sales of about 2 million. Of these, Hutchison believes that CT-2 will represent about 68 per cent of the market.

The majority of the remainder will probably be accounted for by DECT. Major suppliers developing equipment for DECT, which evolved from Ericsson's CT-3, include Ericsson, Philips, Alcatel and Motorola. The system will support a variety of applications, including residential use, small and large private automatic branch exchanges (PABX). Telepoint, and use as an alternative to the fixed wiring used to connect telephones to the public network. Hans van der Hoek, mar-

keting manager of Erisson Business Mobile Networks in Amsterdam, says that the advariced technology of the CT-3 could mean lower overall system costs than CT-2, although the cost of handsets will be about the same.

Within a decade of the introduction of cordless PABX systems, about 30 per cen of ll extensions will be cordless, Ericsson estimates, representing a market worth about \$70 billion (£52 billion).



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Pension funds give jittery market a miss

property fell sharply during the second quarter of the year, the latest figures from the Central Statistical Office show. demonstrating a continuing lack of confidence in the general economic

Among the pension funds, insurance companies, investment trusts and unit trusts, the greatest reduction in investment came from pension funds, whose purchases fell by 56 per cent, while insurance company purchasers were down by 10 per cent. Annual net investment in property for the year to June 1992 was £1,751 million compared with £2,033 million for the year to March 1992, while the quarterly total to June was £207 million compared with £391 million in the quarter to March.

The figures also show that the average turnover for insurance companies and pension funds over the past four quarters is the lowest in seven years. Nevertheless. Hillier Parker reports optimistically, net institutional investment. while continuing the downward trend over the past year, is still greater than the trough of the last quarter of 1990. Robert Farnes, investment partner at Hillier Parker, said that the eco-

nomic and financial changes of the past three strategic thinking of the institutions, although transactions agreed before "Black Wednesday" had continued to exchange of contracts and completion.

Whether the 1 per cent reduction in the minimum lending rate will provide much of a boost to consumer confidence is not yet clear, but there is some evidence that retail trade is improving, and this may be enough to stimulate investment interest in the sector. The increased stability produced by the new exchange rates may crystallise some overseas interest which had previously hesitated to make a commitment." he said.

Fred Reeder, investment partner of Jones Lang Wootton, said that although the figures indicated a Lower interest rates

should attract institutions into the

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decline in investment, the volume by value of properties traded over the same period had fallen by only 6 per cent. "When allowance is taken of the continuing downward trend in capital values, the figures suggest that there has been little change in the actual volume of properties changing hands." .

He argued that despite, or perhaps because of, political and economic uncertainty in the UK and Europe, institutions would continue to invest in property as funds sought to balance their asset

Property will increasingly be seen as a balance against rising inflation

weeks had yet to be reflected in the allocation weightings. "In addition, property will increasingly be seen as a balance against the possibility of rising inflation accompanying an economic recovery stimulated by anticipated falling interest rates made possible by the exit from the ERM." he said.

If interest rates continued to fall, property, with average yields stabilising, would appear increasingly attractive to investors. "This will stimulate the release of more product into the market, particularly as investors will begin to antici-pate the beginnings of an upturn in tenant demand in the event of signs of economic recovery," Mr Reeder said.

The lack of investment activity during the second quarter has continued into the third quarter in

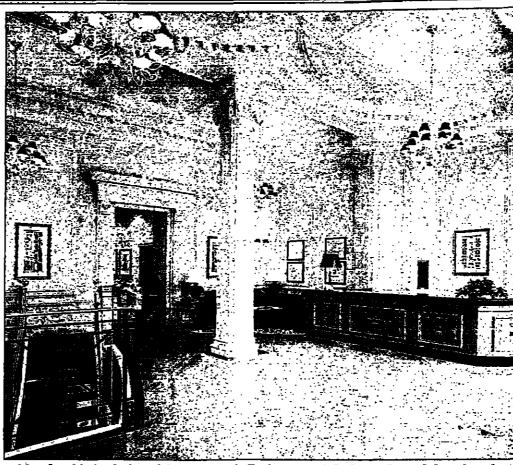
tainty, Adrian White and Ian Scott of Fletcher King, report. "Additionally, there is still a shortage of supply of investment stock, or more accurately, supply from willing sellers at prices purchasers are prepared to pay. It is clear that some properties that do appear are being tested against a selling target. many subsequently being with-drawn when that target is not reached," they say.

Institutions which are investing have retail warehouses, prime town-centre shops and good distribution warehouses at the head of the list, a trend confirmed in a survey of institutional demand by Bernard Thorpe. The survey of the leading 75 institutional property investors shows that demand for distribution warehousing invest-ments has overtaken all other property sectors, and has inspired the funding of speculative or partly let development schemes in areas of oven tenant demand.

In the retail market, many funds are waiting for more evi-dence of consumer confidence in the high street, but retail warehousing is still strong. The best shopping centres are in demand, and funds are openly competing with property companies

The Bernard Thorpe survey shows that the office market is expected to return to popularity. particularly in the provinces. Elsewhere, investors are very selective, especially in the South and in central London.

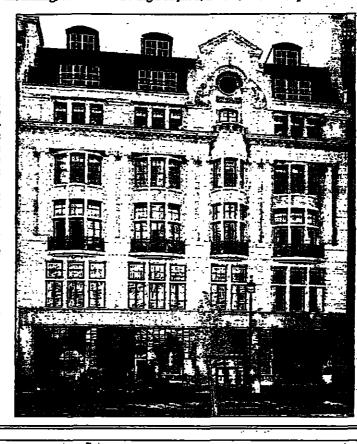
Tony Gray, investment partner at Bernard Thorpe, said that against the present economic backdrop and the more recent exceptional fluctuations in the financial markets, the majority of fund managers were unlikely to modify their strict investment criteria. "Further competition for industrial/warehouse investments seems inevitable and shopping-centre owners can expect to see greater interest, but the popularity of retail warehousing and high-street retail may be reduced by the prolonged



New for old: the design of the entrance hall, above, at 14 Cockspur Street is based on the original, with replica plaster moulding, and the building's façade, below, has been preserved

Edwardian elegance

ST JAMES'S Gate, at 14 Cockspur Street, in central London, has 28.000 sq ft of the highest quality headquarter office space newly built behind its Edwardian façade. Beyond the entrance hall, where fragments of the original plaster mouldings have been copied, is a glass atrium which gives internal light to the six floors. St James's Gate is a development by L'Etoile Properties, a company formed from a consortium of French firms, and the agent Conway Relf is asking a rent of about £40 a sq ft. Next door is St James's Hall, also owned by the consortium, and offering 3,700 sq ft of office space, including a spectacular banking hall which was once the booking hall for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. Significant interest has already been shown in theproperties. St James's Gate and the Hall could be combined if required.



London leads the business world

ondon remains the leading business location in Europe, according to a survey of 530 senior executives in nine European countries carried out by The Harris Research Centre, London, for con sultants Healey & Baker.

First in last year's survey, London strengthened in top place as a business centre, boasting the best access to markets, telecommunica tions, climate for business created by government and availability of

The first five in the order are unchanged from last year. London, Paris, Frankfurt, Brussels and Amsterdam, aithough Glasgow leapt up the table from 17th to sixth.

Paris got the highest score for ease of movement within the city. while Frankfurt is considered to have the best transport links overall and is also regarded as a serious challenger to London as the leading financial centre. Brussels is seen, more than ever, as the most

important future political centre.
This was the third year of the European Real Estate Monitor, and James Hollington, partner at Healey & Baker, said there had been a gradual improving knowledge of Europe's business centres. "It suggests that bosiness people are increasingly thinking as Euro peans," he said.

The Monitor places Brussels in the lead for languages spoken: Glasgow for value for money of office space; Lisbon for cost and availability of staff; Stockholm for freedom from pollution; and Munich for quality of life. As well as having immediately available space, London, Manchester and Glasgow all benefit from stability of government and good labour.

Strong support for European Community expansion is ex-pressed. The majority of respon-dents said that business would benefit from the inclusion of all western European countries, and more than half felt that the ex-communist bloc countries of eastem Europe should eventually be encouraged to join the EC.

Only the Belgians disagreed with the expectation that the newly unified Germany would inevitably become the centre of Europe.

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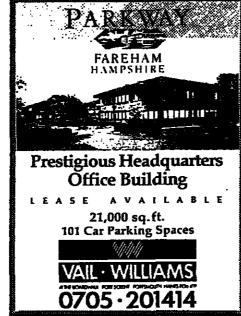
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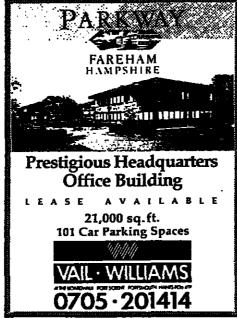
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Developers answer the demand for office space in eastern Germany

Berlin as the most popular eastern German location for property companies planning development. More than two out of three companies planning real-estate projects in the former GDR are doing so in Leipzig, compared with less than half which are opting for Berlin. This is despite the perception that Berlin has stronger eco-

nomic development potential. These findings are reported in a survey by Jones Lang Wootton (JLW) which examined the international perception of Leipzig, where JLW opened its seventh German

office in May. Like Berlin, Leipzig is experiencing a demand which exceeds supply. The city's central area, within the Promenade Ring, is attracting the strongest demand for sites, buildings and rented space, and Douglas Holoch, who set up JLW's office, believes that

will be even greater by the year Dr Schimansky of the Leipzig economic development board has, however, warned investors that despite success in the services sector, the development of Leipzig as an

the demand for office space

Leipzig under reconstruction

industrial base has an equal

"Even if our policy is not so attractive for the property sector as a whole, we are simply not interested in transforming industrial areas into pure office centres," he says. Two

has been finally decided by the courts.

Despite changes in the law last year, which allowed compensation to be given rather than full restitution for special cases, Mr Holoch believes that the bureaucracy is still prevent-

Two years after reunification, developers are still plagued by problems of land ownership

years after reunification, potential investors and developers are still plagued by problems of land ownership. German authorities have agreed to the restitution of property to owners of land expropriated by the Nazis and the Russian state, but no sale can be made or building permission given until any claim on the land in question

ing much-needed investment from coming into the city.

Although 130 restitution claims have been dealt with and 300 are to be decided shortly, there remain 23,000 outstanding claims in Leipzig. Developers are being pushed out to fringe locations where land ownership issues do not arise, but where existing infrastructure, although

There are over 10 million so m of business parks either at

being improved, is at present

the planning stage or under development for the Greater Leipzig area. An example is the 420-hectare Leipzig Sud-West scheme proposed by EML, a real-estate company formed by seven Munich families. The company has been forced to forward-fund DM 1.2 billion of infrastructure improvements. EML is also planning an office and administration complex totalling about 38,000 sq m in the city

Out-of-town rents are expected to be around DM 25-30 a sq m a month, but no discernible letting market has yet developed to test the figure. Rents in the city have fallen in the last six months from DM 70 a sq m a month to DM 60. They are expected to stabilise at around DM 55 as renovated and modernised old buildings come on to the market over the next five years. According to JLW, the high level of rents has led tenants to prefer tenancy agreements running for periods of up to

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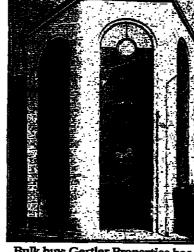
The Pentagon sells for £37m

IN AN important transaction for the City of London office investment market, British Petroleum has sold The Pentagon, in Chiswell Street, to Gertler Properties for £37 million. The 100,000 sq ft air-conditioned building was let in its entirety in 1989, at a rental of £4 million a year to Lloyds Bank for occupation by its merchant banking subsidiary. Phillip Sinclair Knighton, the agent acting for BP, said that the deal underlined the continuing attractiveness of central London office investments to international investors.

Sale for sightseers

BECKY FALLS, a tourist attraction at Manaton, near Bovey Tracey, Devon, is for sale at "over" £1.5 million through Knight Frank & Rutley. The 45-acre waterfall and woodland park lies in its own valley with a central commercial area, including the owner's cottage. manager's accommodation, gift shop, ice-cream pariour, restaurant and park-ing. Becky Falls has been run as a successful family business, with its audited accounts showing profits.

Berkeley Square deal ASIL NADIR'S South Audley Management brought fame to 24 Berkeley



Bulk buy: Gertler Properties has bought BP's Pentagon building

Square, in Mayfair, in the Eighties by paying a rent of some £80 a sq ft for the 2,600 sq ft headquarters building on five floors. With South Audley Management in liquidation, the building is now available to rent through Knight Frank & Rutley at an annual rental of £125,000, which represents a considerable reduction on the rental price during the property boom.

Change at Victoria

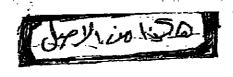
PLANS FOR the transformation of the areas in front of Victoria Station, London, have been unveiled by London Transport and Greycoat London Estates. The transport-led scheme, designed by Michael Hopkins & Partners, includes a new bus station under a vaulted seel and glass canopy, improvements to the Underground station, a new pedestrian piazza, and two new office buildings which will help to pay for the transport infrastructure. The buildings will have 126,500 sq ft and 193,000 sq ft of offices.

The plans are on show on the station forecourt until October 23, and an application for planning provision for planning

application for planning permission is being submitted to Westminster City

Banker takes St James's DILLON READ, the American investment banker, has acquired nearly 8,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices from MEPC within MEPC's headquarters building at 12 St James's Square. London, at a rental that equates to £32.50 a sq ft.

The deal includes a 10-year lease with a rent review in the fifth year and break clauses for the tenant. The rent is one of the best obtained in St James's this year, and MEPC relocated some of its own staff internally to enable Dillon Read to take the fourth floor of the building.



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Piggott to star again with Never So Sure

LESTER Piggott delighted his army of followers at Longchamp on Sunday by winning the Prix de l'Abbaye a fourth time when only a month short of his 57th birthday.

Today, it should be the turn of York racegoers to witness another vintage display by the maestro, this time astride Never So Sure in the Newington Hotel York Racegoers Handican over five furiongs.

Even the minimum trip will take some getting on a rainsoftened Knavesmire, so it is just as well that Never So Sure has won over longer trips this

Importantly, too, it was soft underfoot when he scored at

Since then this Alan Baileytrained four-year-old has also won the valuable Laurence Batley Handicap over six furlongs on today's track.

He was ridden by Piggott on that occasion when he also had the race sewn up a long way from home. Never So Sure's subsequent

races have been the Portland Handicap at Doncaster and the Ayr Gold Cup. At Doncaster. he was never in with a chance with a 10lb penalty, while at Ayr he was not MICHAEL PHILLIPS

disgraced, although unplaced. when ridden by an apprentice. His most obvious danger today is Tanfan Blu, the mount of Michael Roberts. Third to Bezelle and Street Rebel in a listed race at the Curragh ten days ago, Taufan Blue had earlier finished a fraction in front of Never So

Sure at Ayr. Roberts and Paul Eddery can expect good rides on Linpac West and Vallance respectively in the Goodramgate Handicap, Roberts particularly so since Linpac West, the recent win-ner of the Doonside Cup at Ayr, adores soft ground. However, I marginally prefer Cold

Trained near Worksop by Jeremy Glover, whose handling of last Saturday's Cambridgeshire winner Rambo's Hall has been so admirable. Cold Shower has also excelled. winning his last three races.

Crucially, as far as today's race is concerned, he goes unpenalised for winning the final of the Shadwell Stud Apprentice Series in such an authoritative manner at New-

market last Wednesday. In the circumstances. Cold Shower will be a tough nut to crack with his featherweight in today's conditions.

Lyford Cay, who just got touched off by Colway Rock at Ayr last time having also finished second on his debut at Chepstow, looks the probable winner of the Monkgate Maiden Median Auction Stakes.

The Walmgate Nursery can go to the Mick Channontrained George Roper who revels in soft ground, judged on his latest run at Redcar. At Haydock, Willie Carson should win the first two races on Artistic Reef (2.10) and

Armenian Coffee (2.40).
Dragon's Teeth, my nap to win the second division of the Whitebeam Maiden Stakes, is a half-brother to Bonny Scot. who won the same race for Lord Weinstock, Luca Cumani and Lanfranco Dettori last year.

cap; Miss Movie World 7-0.

When chasing the hot favourite Almamzar all the way to the line on his debut at Yarmouth three weeks ago. Dragon's Teeth showed that took advantage of a low he possesses the requisite stamina to see off Blue Blazer. weight to win the £25,694 Prix Carmarthen, a hurdle

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3.00 HEMINGTON HOTEL YORK RACEGOERS HANDICAP

until Japan Cup after sustaining cut

THE Derby winner Dr Devi-ous, who finished sixth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday, will miss the Breeders' Cup Turf in Florida on October 31.

The colt returned from Longchamp with a slightly cut hind leg and connections have now decided to aim him at the Japan Cup, a race that could also attract User Friendly. Trainer Peter Chapple-

Hyam's wife, Jane, said yes-terday: "He micked a near hind during the race and, though it is not serious, he will not be running at the Breeders' Cup meeting.
"We spoke to his owner, Sidney Craig, this morning

and agreed to run him in the Japan Cup instead, which will give him seven weeks to The Fellow, runner-up in the last two Cheltenham Gold

Cups, made a successful re-turn, following a three-and-abalf month summer break, at Anteuil yesterday. He will have one more run before a crack at Newbury's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on November 28. The Fellow

race, by two-and-a-half lengths from Amorgos.
Ucello II was third, while Ubu III. another Francois Doumen entry and conceding 20th to The Fellow, finished

The winning trainer said: "The Fellow will run again here in the Prix Herod Chase on October 24 and, if all goes well, he will then run in the

Hennessy."
Elizabeth Bay, who created such a favourable impression when winning at Saint-Cloud on Monday, has been given a 20-1 quote by Ladbrokes for next year's 1,000 Guineas.



Doumen: eyes Hennessy with The Fellow

Dr Devious holds fire | Maktoums return in force to dominate Goffs sale

FROM MICHAEL SEELY IN KILL

intending to reduce their pres-

ence in Britain too drastically.

Not only do they love their racing in Britain and enjoy

our way of life, they also have a

It is also thought that their

decision to abstain last week was political. It was not only a

protest against Britain's pro-hibitive VAT rate of 17.5 per

cent but also against the low

They may also think that

their support, which has done

so much to raise the standard

of racing in Britain and to give

so much employment, is taken

British prize money.

heavy investment to protect.

THE racing world heaved a collective sigh of relief yester-day when the Maktoum family of Dubai, who had refrained from buying at Newmarket last week, swung into action at the opening session of the Irish National yearling

sales at Kill in co. Kildare. Of the first 40 loss sold at Ireland's most important yearling auction, Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Shadwell Estates company bought three of the four lots sold for 100,000

guineas and more. The finance minister of Dubai was himself the successful bidder when acquiring a full-brother to his triple classic winning filly, Salsabil, for 560,000 guineas.

Philip Myerscough, manag-ing director of Goffs, conducted the bids for the swaggering bay colt with the white face and two white hind legs. The serious action started when Vincent O'Brien's son, Charles, made an offer of 240,000 guineas. Then Shaikh Hamdan joined in. O'Brien's final attempt came at 540,000 guineas before Shaikh Hamdan secured the

John Dunlop, previously the trainer not only of Salsabil but

too much for granted.

After all, if they run too also of her half-brother, Marju, is to take charge of the many horses in a race, they are new purchase at Arundel. accused of dominating the "He's bigger than Salsabil," he said. "Let's just hope he's sport and if they fail to win sufficient group one races, they are immediately dubbed got the same sort of engine." Of the four Makroum brothas inefficient. These are proud ers, Shaikh Hamdan and

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men, who are members of a Ahmed were at the sales. Al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, ruling family. However, despite the and Shaikh Mohammed were Maktoums's absence from absent, but were represented Newmarket, where in 1991 by Michael Goodbody and they purchased 43 yearlings Anthony Stroud, respectively. for £4million guineas, reports that Tattersalls is now to No one was prepared to discuss the reason for the boycott of last week's Houghton sales. But it is understood that the Maktoums are not seriously reconsider its decision to maintain its British base, are

premature. "We're in a tough position," said Andrew Howland, marketing director of the Newmarket-based firm. racing is a bit apt to talk its business down. At times it's rather inclined to shoot itself

in the foot. "Of course, we missed the Maktoums — they have a colossal presence. But the tumbling pound is making British yearlings attractive to buyers from Japan and elsewhere.
"But we've still got 20 days of selling left. We're going to keep an eye on the situation and review it at the end of that

MANDARIN 2.00 Lyford Cay. 2.00 Pistol River 2.30 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS (nap): 2.30 Pageboy. 3.00 Never So Sure. 3.00 Languedoc. 3.30 Cold Shower. 3.30 Cold Shower 4.00 George Roper. 4.00 So So. 4.30 Altegan. 5.00 Soviet Secret. RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Taufan Blu. 4.00 RIBH! (nap).

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Going: good to soft (soft 4.50) Paraport 2213.40.

Marsh (13-2). Bo Knows Best 6-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Polasious. Swift Saver. 51, 21, J Farshawe. Total: £16-40; £2-30, £3-00, £1.80, DF: £63-50, CSF: £142-08, Tricest: £916-72 Plecapot: £76.70. Warwick

4.30 SELLYBATE STAKES

(Graduation race: 3-Y-O: £5,922: 1m 5f 194yd) (2 runners)

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2.30 (1m) 1, Suzibury (Pal Eddery, 11-1); 2. Marron Lessatt (4-1); 3. Almanson (6-1 fav). 18 ran. 21, 294. M Tompthis. Tota: 59.30; 52.50, 52.50 Going: solt DF: \$36,30, CSF: \$22,50, Thoset: \$155.47.
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Nessun Dorme (4-7 fast); 3, Secret Assignment (20-1), 6 mn. 118, 8, A Scott, Total
£10.10, £1.60, £1.30, DF: £8.30, CSF:
£11.47;

5.00 (2m 20yd) 1, Child Star (S Dawson, 20-1); 2. Sports View (25-1); 3, lota (E-rane bar); 4, tribalworthi (33-1), 19 ran. 2, 31, D Marks, Tohr. £75.10; 59.80, £4.50, £1.20, 517.10, DF: £765.30, CSF: £436.28, Tricast; 0887.72. Placapot: £14.40, Newton Abbot Going: good to soft

Going: good to soft 2.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Jack The Hillian (R Farrant, 4-1); 2, Comwart's Choice (2-1); 3, Tamber Lass (9-1), Bandicks 7-4 fax. 5 ran. Nr. 20, R Baker, Tota: 2290; 21.10, 21.80. DF: 23.80. CSF: 211.35. 2.40 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Dwadme (D O'Sulliven, 4-1); 2, Father Dowling (13-8 fax); 3, Channels Galle (15-8), 9 m. Hd. 15, R O'Sulliven, Tota: 27.90; 22.00, 21.30, 21.50. DF: 27.20. CSF: 211.37. 210.2m Ill briek 1, premay (D Monts, 5-1); n O'Sumen 1008: 17.80, 22.00, 17.30, 17.50. DF: 57.20. CSF: 121.87.

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4.40: 2m 6) hole) 1, Emily's Star (C Lewellyn, 11-10 fav); 2, Pauk Royale (20-1); 3, Daddorook (20-1), 11 ran. 4, 11. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: 22.00; £1.20, £3.30, £3.30. DF: £10.90. CSF: £23.54. Placepot: £65.20.

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4.40 Merry Mermaid. 4.40 Hush Baby. 5.10 DRAGON'S TEETH (nap). RICHARD EVANS: 4.10 Light Hand.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Artistic Reef. 4.10 Light Hand. 5.10 DRAGON'S TEETH (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 ARTISTIC REEF.

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(£1,165: 2m) (11) MANDARIN 2.20 Loxley Flange. 2.50 Andcroney Chief. 3.20 Soleil Dancer. 3.50 Mister Feathers. 4.20 Sneakapenny. 4.50 Gallant Effort.

2.20 Loxley Range, 2.50 Glenshane Lad. 3.20 Lusty Light. 3.50 Tribal Ruler, 4.20 Sneakapenny. 4.50 Bahrain Queen. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 2.20 PARK SELLING HURDLE (£1,021: 2m) (15 runners)

THUNDERER

11-4 Louisy Racoa, 100-36 Peacock Remise, 11-2 Carlet Rict. 7-1 After The Humbur, Boger's Pal. 10-1 Cherch Star, 12-1 Bestling Azonad, 18-1 others. 2.50 BBC RADIO MORTHAMPTON HOVICES CHASE (£1,315: 2m 110yd) (9)

9-4 Steeshare Lad, 11-4 Andersony Chief, 9-2 Bed Ring, 11-2 Screen Lack, 10-1 Tophani, 26-1 offers. Cheltenham next stop

SIRRAH Jay booked his place for the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham next

month after a battling neck win over Skipping Tim in the Courage Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot yesterday. The 12-year-old put up fine performance, under top weight, to repel the late challenge of the favourite.

3.40 KING'S REGIMENT CUP HANDICAP (£3.377; 2m 45vd) (9 runners) SETTING: 9-4 Scriftsgalstrangers, 3-1 Lord Hassie, 9-2 Needwood Mappert, 11-2 Ande La Belle, 7-1 Just My Bill 12-1 My Calista, 28-1 others, 1991: GODY AND GROWIN 3-8-4 L Debot (15-2) L Campai 16 cm

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4,40 maple selling nursery handicap (2-Y-0: £2,616: 1m 2f 120vd) (17 runners)

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5.10 WRITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-0: £2,427: 1m 30yd) (7 runners) 03042 BLUE BLAZER 15 (McHataper Syndicate) B Hanbury 9-0 BUNAOH (A AII) S Woods 9-0 2 DRASON'S TEETH 20 (Lord Weinsteic) L Commis 9-0 ...

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: O Shewood, 13 winners from 38 numers, 34.2%; Mrs. J. Pinner, 10 from 40, 25.0%; N Gesebe, 7 from 20, 24.1%; O Brannar, 10 from 43, 23.3%; Mrs. I MesCa, 12 from 57, 21.1%; T Cassy, 11 from 82, 13.4%; JOCKEYS: M Planton, 8 wissess from 27 rides, 23.6%; M Brumon, 9 ison 31, 29.0%; A Tory, 3 facto 13, 23.1%; W Mession, 3 facto 13, 23.1%; C Uessellyn, 15 ison 85, 17.6%; J Osborna, 7 ison 40, 17.5%.

Wood steps in for 50-1 win

STEVE Wood stepped in for a lucky chance ride on Nellie's Gamble, the 50-1 winner of the Malton Selling Stakes at Redcar yesterday. The apprentice Jason Weaver was originally booked to partner the filly, who arri-

ved late on the scene to heat Pontevecchio Moda. Nellie's Gamble was a fifth Flat winner of 1992 for Andrew Stringer's team and the former jump jockey explained yesterday the reasons behind

yesterday the reasons bening
the late riding change.

"After I had booked
Weaver, his agent phoned at
3.35 yesterday afternoon to
say that the boy wouldn't be
able to claim his allowance on
our filly," Stringer said.

"I still intended putting
Wester on Wellie's Gamble

Weaver on Nellie's Gamble but when he didn't get here in time today, I was obliged to find someone else."

La Bamba gained his fourth victory over the course and distance with an easy victory in the Scarborough Handicap.



Wales await late fitness decision on vice-captain

By GERALD DAVIES

Curti breaks up the front row

partnership which played in

their three World Cup

By bringing in Colin Stephens to play at stand-off instead of Neil Jenkins, Wales

make only one change from the team that ended last

season's championship with a

victory against Scotland. Hav-

ing achieved another win, by a

single point against Ireland in

Dublin, they entered the sum-

career was finished in

"I had no thought of repre-

senting Italy in my mind. But

one thing led to another, they

called me up and I would have

many people have the oppor-

tunity to represent two coun-

tries and I am grateful for the

Italian career against Roma-nia last week: "Basically, it

boils down to the individual

the opportunity to play at the highest level possible in the circumstances allowed him."

.. These days those circum-

stances are becoming increas-

is playing sport." he

"All he is really looking for is

Gardner. 28, began his

chance to do so."

mer recess in relative lightness

STUART Davies, the Wales No. 8 and vice-captain, will ing to determine whether he will play against Italy on their first visit to Cardiff Arms Park this evening. The Swansea player injured his upper leg during training with the while Vaccari. who occupied Welsh squad on Monday that position last week, moves to full back. The inclusion of Giovanni Grespan at tight-head prop to replace Properzi-

It is a soft-tissue injury and not a tear." Alan Davies, the Welsh coach, said yesterday, "So we'll have to see over the next 24 hours how it responds. The base of international players currently available in Wales is narrow and we would not wish to put any of our key players at risk. Stuart made such a big contribution to our efforts last season."

Ian Davies, the Swansea back row forward who alternates between No. 8 and flanker for his club. has been asked to stand by.

national appearance was for

Australia at Twickenham four

years ago. Tonight, in Cardiff,

he will play his second match

for Italy, after becoming the

latest player to make the

crossover from one nationality

Gardner, who was born in

Brisbane of an Italian mother.

has spent the last three north-

ern hemisphere seasons in

Italy, the first with Brescia, the

last two with Rovigo, where he

works as a rugby development

He won four caps in Australia's back row before falling

out, fairly publicly, with Bob

It is not a chapter he refers to now. but says: "When I

started coming to Italy I had more or less resigned myself to

Reid ready

Irish debut

ship matches from early

March after he qualifies under

already represented England.

will captain Wales B against North of England at Ponty-pool Park on October 14.

The Llanelli captain, who has played for England Colts, England B and England Stu-

Phil Davies - in the Wales

I'llic-Up.

WALES B: M Rayer (Cardif): S Davies (Swansea), N Boobyer (Llanelli), N Davies (Lanelli), W Prodpir (Llanelli), N Jerikins (Portypridd), R Moon (Llanelli, captain); R Evans (Llanelli), N Meek (Portyprod), J Davies (Neath), P Davies (Llanelli), S Roy (Cardiff), I Davies (Swansea), A Williams (Massieg), L Jones (Llanelli), Replacements: P John (Portypridd), A Davies (Cardiff), I McBryde (Swansea), I Buckert (Swansea), R McBryde (Swansea), P Kawulok (Cardiff)

NOT too many coaches who

had begun their term of office

with three consecutive defeats

would be looking to experi-

Rupert Moon, who has

Colleges tomorrow.

the 120 days rule.

Dwyer, the national coach.

Gardner is happy to

wear Italian colours

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN Gardner's last inter- the fact that my representative

Italy, who arrived in Cardiff

relieved them of the paranoia which had afflicted them in last night, come flush from their handsome 22-3 victory against Romania in L'Aquila previous years when they had last Thursday. They have achieved only one victory and made one change among the a draw in the championship forwards and one in the back division. Edgardo Venturi comes in on the right wing,

Bob Norster, the Wales manager, and Alan Davies, the coach, believe that to regain the high ground of international rugby Wales need to progress gently. The cornerstone is confidence among the players.

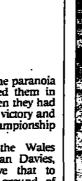
During Davies' tenure

which began last autumn with a celebration match against France before the World Cup. 30 players have played for Wales in eight matches. More pertinently, since he began at the deep end and inherited someone else's squad, only 18 appeared in the four matches of the five nations champion-

ship.
Since the decision was taken preparation. They need to beware that from such a definition, complacency arises. Perhaps Davies needs to remind his team that France scraped home 21-18

'We've analysed Italy largely on the basis of their performances in the World Cup," says Davies. "From what little we've seen of the Romania game we've assessed that they won the game on a minimum of possession. Italy were effective using the ball the opposition gave away. Ball retention is, therefore, a key area. This game will give us a test on how far we have reached and to

TTALY: P Vaccan, E Ventun, S Barba, S Zoro M Cutita M Bonom, I Francescato, M Cutica. G Pwenta (captain), G Grespan, S Bottacchan, M Gachen, C Checchinato, F Cassina, J Gardher



not to award caps, the Welsh players should not consider the game of lesser value than a proper international match. Others have referred to it as a when they met last February.

what extent we have progressed from last season."

WALES: T Clement (Swansea) I Evans (Lanelli, S Gibbs (Swansea). R Bidgnod (Newport), M Heil (Cardin); C Stephens (Lanelli, R Jones (Sadnsea), M Griffiths (Cardin); G Jenkins (Swansea), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police). R Webster (Swansea); "R - Coppsey (Lanelli). G Lewellyn (Neath); E Lewis (Lanelli), S December (Neath); E Lewis (Lanelli), S

Selectors guarded over England pack

By David Hands

HIKA Reid, the London Irish THE England selectors, in coach and former New Zeaannouncing a squad of 24 land hooker, makes his first yesterday to prepare for the playing appearance for the international against Canada club against Loughborough at Wembley on October 17, have left two intriguing que-Reid will be eligible for ries over the composition of Courage Clubs Championthe front and back rows of

their scrum.

The XV will be named when the squad meets for training on Sunday; a squad which omits five of the players from the match squad before England's last international. against Wales in March: Rory Underwood, Simon Halliday. Mickey Skinner, David Pears and Martin Hynes.

Without Hynes, who has England B tour of New Zea-

land, Tony Underwood. The back division looks a straightforward choice, given that Ian Hunter has yet to play this season (even though Northampton are expected to name him in their team to play Bath this weekend). His match fitness is even more limited than that of Jason Leonard, whose place Ubogu seems likely to fill.

South Africans find going tough

FROM CHRIS THAU IN PAU, FRANCE

Geoff Cooke, the team manager, was guarded yesterday. We are satisfied that Jason is fit for international rugby," he said - which is more than the player himself is - but then warned against considering Ubogu as a tight-head prop only. Ubogu, 28, has played on both sides of the scrum and his mobility is a quality that England would like to see examined in full international

surroundings.
In addition the composition of the back row remains in doubt. The three Rs — Richards, Ryan and Rodber have all played international rugby at No. 8, but either for Richards at No. 8 with Rodber on the flank, where he Rodber on the flank, where he has been playing this season.
SNGLAND SOUAD: Backs: J Webb
(Bath), N Heslop (Orrell), I Hunter (Northampton), T Underwood (Leosser), W
Carling (Herlequins, capital), J Guscott
(Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), C Andrew
(Toulouse), S Barries (Bath), C Morris
(Orrell), R Hill (Bath), S Bates (Wasps)
Forwards: J Leonard (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), V Uboqu (Bath), B Moore
(Harlequins), C Older (Northampton), K Dunn (Wasps), M Beyfield (Northampton), W Dooley (Preston Crasshoppers), T
Rodber (Northampton), D Ryan (Wasps), D
Richards (Leosser), P Winterbottom
(Harlequins)

following direct route dents, is one of seven players from his club chosen for the been dropped, the way seems Dean Ryan or Tim Rodber seems destined to replace Skinner on the blind-side open for Victor Ubogu, the By Barry Pickthall "It is a great honour to be Bath prop. to win a first cap picked to captain Wales," he alongside a colleague from the flank. My preference would be INTERSPRAY, the British John Chittenden and his team said. There are five full caps — Mike Rayer, Nigel Davies, Neil Jenkins, John Davies and

Steel Challenge yacht skip-pered by Paul Jeffes, re-estab-lished her lead in the round-the-world race yesterday as half the fleet played nip-and-tuck through the Canary Is-Janerio, the first stopover port. Jeffes and his crew gained their advantage by diving between Tenerife and Gran Canaria while Coopers &

Lybrand, the previous leader, was forced to bear off and avoid the island of Gomera. The diversion cost Vivien Cherry's crew more than 30 miles and, by 3pm yesterday, they found themselves back in third place, four miles further from Rio than British Steel II. who have enjoyed a five-day run under spinnaker. A further 150 miles west,

on Nuclear Electric continue to lead a four-strong group holding out for better winds to swing across the Atlantic, as they did for Steinlager in the Whitbread race four years ago. So far, however, the tactic has not paid off. Another in need of a break

is Rhone-Poulenc. Her crew, led by John O'Driscoll, have been shredding and mending spinnakers all week and have now dropped to the back of the fleet with Commerical Union. Tueet With Commencial Union.

LEADING POSTIONS at 14 to GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio de Jamenol: 1, Interspray (P. Jeltes), 3.431 miles, 2, British Steel II (R. Tudon), 3.459; 3, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3.463; 4, Heath Insured (A Donoven), 3.90; 5, Nuclear Electric (J Chiftenden), 3.504; 7, Nuclear Electric (J Chiftenden), 3.504; 7, Hothräu Lager (P Goss), 3.515; 8, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3.517; equal 9, Commercial Union (N Sutherland) and Rhone-Poulenc (J O'Dinacoli), 3.533.

Results compiled by 81





By Christopher Irvine

AUSTRALIA are past masters of the art of kidology. The opening gambit of their World Cup final campaign yesterday was to lavish praise on Great Britain and advise on team selection, both early warnings of the confidence

Bobby Fulton, the coach of the 22 touring Australians. said that the improvements by Great Britain made them favourites for a one-off game at Wembley, a place Australia were not especially fond of, and that they would be as well selecting Ellery Hanley.

a player they do not particularly care for.

"We're not intimidated by Wembley by any stretch of the imagination but we've not got a good overall record there. We've won just one of three games there but we know how we were beaten last time in 1990 and the pitch is the same for both teams." Fulton said.

Mal Meninga, the Australia captain, who has recovered from a hamstring injury, missed the last World Cup final, when Australia defeated New Zealand in 1988, because of a broken arm.

fulfil a personal ambition," Meninga said.
"It is going to be a daunting task in front of 78,000

On the sideline: Allan Langer, scrum half with the Brisbane Broncos, the Winfield Cup champions, relaxes at Leeds yesterday

screaming British fans. Britain are an immensely powerful side, but our strength in depth is pretty considerable," he said.

While bemoaning the fact that several of his squad have not played for six weeks. Fulton's lot compares favourably with that of Malcolm Reilly. In the present fixture congestion, injuries reduce the options of the Great Britain coach. Attempts to

of the Great Britain squad six days before the Australian match, appear to have failed. By contrast, the Australians, with the exception of

Lancashire Cup final, involv-

ing as many as 14 members

the eight members of the Winfield Cup-winning Bris-bane Broncos side, who are being rested, should have an easy stretch of the legs against Hudderstield on Friday. Then follows a more strenuous workout against Sheffield Eagles, of the first division, on October 14 and a wind-down against Cumbria

spreading the gospel before

three or four places for the final on October 24 are Britain are likely to face the same heavyweight pack that steam-rollered them to win

national in Brisbane. At full back, Fulton will comers, either Brad Godden. a specialist in the position, or Tim Brasher, who has played only half a game this season in the No. 1 shirt and may be preferred in the centre. The one other contentious position is No. 6, which will be contested by Brad Fittler and

League's leader leaves significant legacy

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE.

DAVID Oxley slipped unno-ticed into the hot sear at the Rugby Football League in Leeds the same summer's day in 1974 that Brian Clough marched briefly into Elland Road. The present hullabaloo over the appointment of a successor as chief executive. 18 years on, is a measure of the credence and esteem Oxley has given a once mori-

The likely accession by Maurice Lindsay today, 12 years after joining the board at Wigan, will bring a more abrasive business edge to a revolution brought so far by Oxley's diplomatic stealth and quiet persuasion. It is time for the hard sell towards the game's centenary in 1995, but without Oxley, 54, who retires at the end of the

YACHTING

Interspray benefits by

month, there would be little to sell or celebrate. Few doubt that Lindsay,

51, an on-course bookmaker and shrewdest of gamblers, is the right choice. His main task will be the breaking of rugby league's still wretchedly parochial bonds. Compared with the problems initially faced by the Oxford-educated Oxley, it might seem relative-ly straightforward. Oxley was a surprise selec-

tion to regenerate the sport. Apart from a native passion for Hull KR. deputy headmaster of the Duke of York's Military School, Dover, was not an obvious credential. What Oxley possessed was intelligence and a boundless enthusiasm. He knew the importance of image and sold rugby league as "the greatest game", not only to those on the inside to raise morale, but

to sponsors, media and anyone else who cared to listen. Along with David Howes, a young sports writer from Hull, whom he appointed public relations officer, "the two Davids" spent three years



Oxley: retiring

embarking upon reconstruction. Sponsors, and their money, were embraced and an unwieldy process of decision-making was devolved to a six-man board of directors. Other sports watched, and learned from, Oxley's skilled introduction of a player contract system. On the rare occasion the mask of artful diplomacy slipped, it was usually passion for the game spilling over Orlers and the control of the

spilling over. Oxley once halt-ed an under-24 international in France, placing a foot on the ball and lecturing the referee in his best schoolboy French on how precisely to apply the sin-bin rule: His role as ambassador has

spread the game into nooks and crannies across the world, but not to where it matters most. He said: "The game has still to grow up to

a proper foothold in London, we won't ever throw off the backyard image.

Broadening of horizons, starting with the World Cup final on October 24, and a single governing organisation, are issues Oxley considers vital. "Public perception of the game and those who play it has improved beyond all recognition, but we will remain off the pace of other sports until these matters are resolved." he said. Oxley, who also serves on

the Sports Council, has firm ideas on the direction of sport, in general. "Contrary to received opinion, we Brits are not as sports mad as we think. We need to galvanise administrators into action, increase participation and allow ourselves to see just how sport can benefit national life."

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SQUASH RACKETS

'Penny-pinching' angers players

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN VANCOUVER

the women's world open championship began on a sour and angry note here as her husband, John Oakley, was included in a large group of personal coaches and trainers forced to pay for the right to watch their players in the first round:

The organisers have taken the unusual decision to allowing only fully accredited nat-ional coaches and attendants into the playing area of the Arbutus Club. Some 150 individuals, with varying claims of personal connection to play-

SUSAN Devoy's defence of ers, arrived in Vancouver to discover it was planned to charge them \$100 (£50) for Sue Wright, the British

champion, eventually argued the price down to \$30 for her father but one player who lost her official pass was charged \$20 for a replacement. Dean Williams, the former world No. 2, who coaches Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, took so long to obtain a \$30 pass that he missed her first round encounter with Amanda Humble of Canada His fury was tinged with obvious regret

that his standing in the sport. of which he was a leading light for some years, counted for so little in this outpost of the

"They have made this into a second-rate tournament with low prize-money, no hotel bonus and their penny-pinching ways." Devoy said, as her husband handed over his fee. "This is just an insult ... Can

you imagine Steffi Graf buy-ing a ticket for Wimbledon or Jansher Khan paying at the British Open?"

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Coca-Cola Cup Second round, second leg First-leg score in brackets

Aston Villa (2) v
Oxford Utd (1) (7.45)
Brentford (1) v Tottenham (3)
(all ticket, 7.45)
Bristol Rovers (0) v Menchester
City (0) (all ticket, 8 (0)
Charlton (0) v Bury (0) (7.45)
Chelsea (3) v Walsall (0)
Perby (0) v Southend (1) (7.45)
Everton (0) v Rottenham (1)
Manchester Utd (1) v
Brighton (1) (8.00)
Middlesbrough (0) v
Newcastle Utd (0) (7.45)
Milwall (1) v Arsenal (1)
(all ticket, 7.45)
Norwich (2) v Carliste (2) (7.45)
Notingham Forest (3) v
Stockport County (2)
Chelann (1) v Bristol (1) v
Bristol City (2) (7.45)
Scartorrough (0) v Coventry (2)
Stolefield Utd (1) v
Bristol City (2) (7.45)
Southampton (0) v Gillingham (0)
Stole (2) v Carlisde (2) (7.45)
Wolverhampton Wanderers (2) v
Notts County (3)

Scottish League Premier division TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-linst: Portadown v Glantoren (7.45)

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KONCA LEAGUE CUP: Pretiminary round: Abergesenrry v Maessieg Park; Ebbw Vale v Cembran, Fird Town v Mold; Havarfordweat v Llanell; Bargor v Porthmadog PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE; First division: Blackburn v Notum Forest (7.00), Botton v Navicaste (7.00), Becond division: Burnley v Sourdhorpe (7.15); Garrishav Blackbouri v Notum Forest (7.00), Botton v Marafield (7.00); York v West Garrishav Blackbouri v Notum Forest (7.00), Neville Covernous v Marafield (7.00); York v West Bromwich (7.00), Neville Covernous v Lidon (7.15); Follman v Seindon (2.00); Portsmouth v Chetsea (7.00), Totterham v Westiond (2.00), Second division: Brighton v Lidon (7.15); Follman v Seindon (2.00); Portsmouth v Chetsea (7.00), Totterham v Westiond (2.00), Second division: Brighton v Vestion v Bourneau v Pyrmouth: Torquay v Yeovil DIADORA LEAGUE: Prest division: Molesey v Bonetham Wood Second division: Petinaria and Hounsfow v Cove. HFB LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accfingion Stankey v Barow, Chorley v Marrier, Horwich v Cotwyn Bay; Mossley v Bishop Aucladan, Winshord v Drayladen, Knowskey v Congleton: Lancaster City v Woorkington; Wernington v Ceemarfon

EWSON EASTERN COUNTIES EAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket.v RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITHS YORKSHIRE CUP. Featherstone v Waterheld (7 30) GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP: SI Hel-ens v Saltord (7 30)

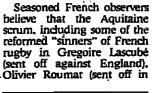
RUGBY UNION International match CLUB MATCH: London High y Loughborough Students (7 30) TOLIR MATCH: Microsest Under-19 v Germany cut Staines. 7 00). Bedictid v Gordan (Aus) (7 30) OTHER SPORT

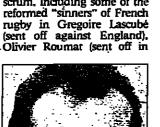
ment. Yet great as the temptation must have been, John Williams and the South Afri-Olivier Roumat (sent off in can management will not field their strongest side against Aquitaine tonight in search of a badly-needed victory.

Though the South Africans could do with a win to raise morale in the second game of their tour of France, the need to discover the strength of their squad is more pressing.

We changed I3 players from the weekend team in order to give everyone with a

chance to play in the international an opportunity to state their claim." Williams said. "After today's game we will then sit back and take a hard look at who is really in

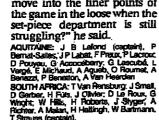


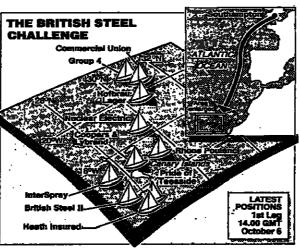


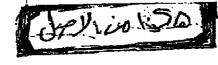
Lascubé: formidable foe











Robson and Parker start games for the first time this season against Brighton tonight

United search for goal power

BRYAN Robson and Paul Parker will start a game for the first time this season when Manchester United take on Brighton in the Coca-Cola Cup at Old Trafford tonight.

The second leg of this second round tie starts at 1-1, the result at the Goldstone Ground two weeks ago one of a run of six successive domestic draws for United.

United have yet to score more than two goals in a game this season and their joint leading scorers are Mark Hughes and Steve Bruce, a central defender, who have three goals apiece from 14

Not surprisingly, it is not a situation that Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is satis-

"It is about time we started scoring some goals," he said yesterday. "We need a convincing win to put us back on Ferguson hopes that the

return of Robson and Parker, both England internationals, after long-term lay-offs with injuries, will prompt just that. The United manager could

also aim to up the goal count by trying out Keith Gillespie, a 17-year-old from Northern Ireland, who has been included in the senior squad for the first time. Brighton, of the second

division, expect to be at full Manchester City travel to Twerton Park after having been held 0-0 by Bristol

Rovers in the first leg. Rovers are one place removed from the foot of division one but Keith Curle. City's £2.5 million central defender, will not be relishing the trip to the club where he began his career.

Kevin Keegan's unbeaten Newcastle United aim to colect their twelfth win of the season and prove they are the North-east's leading side by

Park ended 0-0 but Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, believes his team have United's measure.

"Newcastle have not beaten a team as strong as us yet," he

"Although they have played some excellent football, no team has been able to put their defence under real pressure because of Newcastle's attacking style. But we hope to do

We must still watch out for Newcastle's quick counter-at-tacks but I believe we will pose their strongest test so far." Lawrence also has history on his side - Newcastle have not won at Ayresome Park for

almost 30 years.

A Middlesbrough win would prove particularly satisfying for Lawrence, who has grown used to Newcastle dominating the headlines despite the fact that Middlesbrough are in the top half of the Premier League.
Everton, who have not

scored in their last four matches, start a goal down to Rotherham United, of the second division, at Goodison

Howard Kendall, Everton manager, said: "No one has been forcing my hand and effectively picking themselves up front.'

Other potential embarrassments could involve Sheffield United, who start 2-1 down at home to Bristol City, West Ham United, who begin 0-0 at Crewe Alexandra, and Norwich City, who face Carlisle United at Carrow Road with

the score at 2-2.

Malcolm Allen has passed a fitness test on his thigh, enabling Millwall to field the same side that drew 1-1 at Highborn two makes are in Highbury two weeks ago in the return at The Den.

Arsenal, whose manager George Graham was previously in charge of Millwall, who is on World Cup duty



Ready and willing Robson hopes to help United avoid a cup upset at Old Trafford

Steven returns from injury

TREVOR Steven, the England midfield player, will return to reinforce Rangers'

games have been day to enable players on international duty to have a free weekend and begin their preparations for Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Portugal next Wednesday.

Steven has recovered from the recurrence of a hamstring injury to further strengthen the lbrox squad as they head to St Johnstone.

The two closest challengers to Rangers — Celtic and Hearts — clash at Parkhead. where eight internationals are likely to be on show. Celtic will have Pat Bonner, the Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, in goal, while Rudi Vata, the Albanian, will also be in the squad. Hearts will be looking towards John Robertson, reinBy Our Sports Staff

stated to the international scene, to pierce that Parkhead

Aberdeen add Jim Bett, the midfield player, to their squad against Hibernian after an included is Andy Roddie, the Scotland Under-21 cap. Motherwell have major in-

jury problems as they head for Dundee United, with both Ian Ferguson and Ian Angus doubtful. To add to their problems. Phil O'Donnell, their Scotland Under-21 midfield player, and Joe McLeod, their winger, are sidelined by

injury.

Billy Thomson, their goal-keeper, will get a late check and is bracketed with Sibe Dykstra, while Doug Arnott, the forward, will return.

Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, has turned down Icelandic international Toddi Orlygsson's offer to sacrifice a World Cup McNally earns recall to Northern Ireland squad

BERNARD McNally, the West Brownwich captain, has been recalled to the Northern Ireland squad by the manager, Billy Bingham, after a four-and-a-half year absence.

against Greece and play in home to Stockport County. ward, Jimmy Quinn, who was But even though Forest hold only a slender 3-2 lead from the first leg at Edgeley Park, Clough said: "I have always signed from Bournemouth during the summer, is also brought back as two changes were made for the group three World Cup qualifying match against Spain in Belfast next pushed players out of the door to represent their country and Wednesday. I won't change now. It gave me a boost to think he was

Michael O'Neill; of Dundee, who appeared as a substitute against Albania last month, and Raymond Campbell, of Glentoran, who did not get on the field in that match.

are dropped.

McNally gained the last of his five caps as a substitute in the first match of Northern Ireland's last World Cup qualifying campaign in May 1988. But, even though he finished on the winning side

as his country beat Malta 3-0, McNally disappeared from

Bingham's squad. His form at club level dropped off for a time, and his future at West Bromwich

But, under the guidance of Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentinian who formerly managed Newcastle and Swindon, McNally has rediscovered his form. Bingham said: "When I watched him recently. I was more than pleasantly surprised.

"Bernard controlled the game, distributing nice passes, playing good football and being warmly applauded by the West Brom fans."

SQUAD: T Wright (Newcastle), A Fettlis (Fuß, M Donsghy (Chelses), A McDonald (OPR), N Worthington (Shetlield Wednesday), G Taggart (Berneley), G Fleming (Bamsley), S Montow (Arsens), K Wilson (Notts County), K Black (Notingham Forest), C Clarke (Portsmouth), M Hughes (Strashourg), J Megiston (Deford), I Dowle (Southemplon), K Rowland (Bournemouth), B Michiarly (West Bromwich Albion), J Quinn (Reading).

Gullit is dropped by Milan for cup-tie

Rotterdam: Rudd Gullit's decision to quit international football has not helped his cause to secure a regular firstteam place at AC Milan, who have dropped him for the Italian Cup tie with Cagliari.

Dick Advocaat, the Dutch coach, told reporters yesterday that he hoped Gullit would change his mind and return to national side for their World Cup game in Turkey in

His unavailability for Holland has not helped Advocaat, World Cup qualifying tie against Poland is all the weaker for the midfielder's

Advocaat made several changes to the squad yester-day after his team's shock 2-1 defeat in Norway in their opening qualifier.

He recalled the PSV captain, Gerald Vanenburg, in place of the Genoa wing, John van't Schip, after the two settled their differences, and dropped the Ajax defenders, Danny Blind and Frank de Boer, for the PSV defender, Berry van Aerle and the Ajax midfield player, Wim Jonk.

Vanenburg had indicated he would return to the Dutch quad only if he would play from the start. "It must have been a good discussion," a Dutch football federation spokesman said.

Gullit, who produced a typically influential performance in Milan's 7-3 victory at Fiorentina on Sunday in his first league game of the sea-son, told Advocaat of his decision to quit international football last week.

"I am not going back [to play for Holland]. I had a long chat with the coach last week and I told him that I would not play in Rotterdam against Poland," Gullit said on Monday.

"My reasons are personal and I won't say any more." His reasons are widely considered to have been forced on him to ensure Milan have no excuse to drop him.

But despite scoring twice against Fiorentina and playing in last week's European Cup tie at Oljimpia Lubjiana, Gullit will be rested by the coach, Fabio Capello. in favour of the Frenchman, Jean-

Milan's other two Dutchmen, Frank Rijkaard and Marco Van Basten, are expected to play in the side restricted by Italian rules from fielding no more than three foreign

CTS.
HOLLAND (from): S Menzo, E de Goey: S Stooy, B van Aerle, R Koeman, F Ribasert: G Vaneshoug, R Wistchpa, W Jork, A Numan, J Wouters, A Winter; D Bergkamp, P van Vossen, W Kielt, M van Basten.

POLAND (from): J Bake, J Warstzik, A Matysak, M Kozminski, A Lesiak, M Rospice, R Szewczyk, T Waldoch; P Czachowski, D Adamczuk, J Brzeczek, R Warzycha, K Warzycha, A Juskowiek, R Kosecki, J Zober, W Kowalczyk, C M Mary ☐ Marseilles: Rafael Martin Vázguez, the Spanish international midfield player, is re-turning to Real Madrid from Marseilles at a fee of Fr28 million (\$5.8 million) on a three-year contract. [Reuter]

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Woosnam pitched into first-round match-play draw

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IAN Woosnam, the winner in 1987 and 1990, will have to play in the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth

tomorrow. Woosnam, the only British golfer to have won the title twice, is entitled to feel frustrated at being made to play on the first day, whereas Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Jose María Olazábal, the top four seeds, have byes through to the second round.

Woosnam, who plays Norio Suzuki, of Japan, has been a finalist three times in six appearances, and his record Olazábal. Indeed, Woosnam beat the Spaniard 3 and 2 in

the second round in 1989. Olazábal, who lost 5 and 4 to Jack Nicklaus in 1986 on his only other appearance, was not given an invitation last year despite being ranked No. 2 in the world.

Mark McCormack, chairman and chief executive of the International Management Group, organisers of the championship, said yesterday that Olazabal had been seeded No. 4 because he was above, among others, Woosnam, in the Sony world rankings.

Olazabai was an inexcusable omission last year and it would appear that an olive branch has been held out to him to compete this time. Olazábal has said that he had turned down approaches to join IMG "more times than I have fingers on my hands".

Woosnam, however, will rel ish the opportunity to prove the seedings wrong, because I he beats Suzuki, a 200-1 outsider for the title, he would meet Olazábal in the second

The draw for the first round kept the three Americans -Jeff Sluman, Brad Faxon and Mark O'Meara - apart. Shuman will play Vijay Singh, of Fiji, Faxon meets Greg Norman, of Australia, and O'Meara takes on Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden. No

American has won since Bill Rogers in 1979.
Ballesteros, the defending champion, will play Sluman or Singh, Price will take on the winner of the Faxon-Norman match, and Faldo, who withdrew from the Garman masters last week, will face

O'Meara or Forsbrand. Faldo said he had needed a break. "I had hoped to play five tournaments in a row, but I found I was exhausted. I've been in contention a lot this year, which takes more out of

you than you realise.
"The World Match Play is very demanding. You need to walk around ten miles each day and it will be a long, hard slog this week because the course will play its full length after the recent rain," he said.

BOXING

Hardy is fighting for future riches

BILLY Hardy tonight has the chance to set up one of the most fascinating contests in the history of the sport in the North East.

Mickey Duff, the promoter has placed a £100,000 price tag on a featherweight bout with Newcastle's newly crowned British champion, John Davison. But before any business can be done, Hardy, 28, must overcome the Australian, Rick Rayner, to win the vacant Commonwealth championship at the Crowtree Lei-

sure Centre, Sunderland. "It would be worth six figures if we could get it on,"
Duff said. "And it would
certainly be the biggest fight in the area in my time. I've already spoken about it to Davison's promoter, Tommy

Gilmour. It will be Hardy's first bout in the nine-stone division. He held the British bantamweight title for more than four years before briefly retiring from the ring. "People are saying that I won't have the

Retirement

same power at featherweight, but just wait and see me in this fight," he said.
"This is a great chance to lift

my career once more. It's like going into the Premier League in football. There are options like John Davison and perhaps, one day, a meeting with Hodkinson, who knows?"

Hardy, who will be appearing in his tenth significant title fight, has lost only twice in his last ten bouts, on both occasions to the IBF champion, Oriando Cañizales. He should be far too experi-

ence for Rayner, whose record shows six wins and a draw from eight contest. He is a surprise challenger, especially in view of the British Boxing Board of Control's rule that only "first series" fighters should be allowed to appear in this country. Rayner is none-theless a skilled performer and could take Hardy past the halfway stage before having to give best to a more seasoned

BASEBALL

Martinez and **Sheffield** big hitters

New York: Edgar Martinez and Gary Sheffield won their first batting titles on Sunday while sitting the bench, and Cecil Fielder became the first player to lead the major leagues in runs batted in (RBI) for three consecutive years.

Fred McGriff was one of the new names among the leaders, winning the National League (NL) home run title with 35, the lowest total for an NL leader in a complete season since 1946. Among the new names were

a few familiar ones, like Bosion's Roger Clemens, who won his third consecutive American League (AL) earned-run (ERA)title and his fourth overall. Clemens is the first AL pitcher to lead in ERA for three straight seasons since Lefty Grove of the Philadelphia Athletics from 1929-32. Martinez hit .343 and became the first Seattle Mariner

to win an AL batting title, finishing 14 points ahead of Minnesota's Kirby Puckett. It was the highest batting average in the AL since Boston's Wade Boggs hit .366 in 1988. Sheffield, who flirted with a run at the NL triple crown, finished at .330 for the San Diego Padres, six points

ahead of Andy Van Slyke, of

Pittsburgh. Martinez's season

ended after surgery to remove

bone spurs from his right

shoulder on September 19 We a many

FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ousens Park Rangers 5, ipswich 1. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford Univ-Late results on Monday

FA CUP: Second qualifying round, second sepleys: Bognor Regis 1, Bernerion Health 1; Kingstonian 3, Langrey Sports 15. 1; Maine Road 0, Seehern Red Star 5. 1; FA TROPHY: First qualifying round, second replay: Softul 4, Gainsborough 0. second repairy: Soirtuit 4, Gainsborough II.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premiter division:
Hyde 3, Fleetwood 1. Postponed: Emley v
Goole: First division: Guiseley 1, Srepeired
Ablon 1; Rossendele 1, Netherfield 2.
President's Cup: First round: Emley 1,
Morksop 2; Chailenge Cup: Cuzzon Asrton
5, Esstwood 2. DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Purilect 3, Lideridge 3, League Cap: First round, replay: Carstration 0, Croydon 1.

NEVILLE. OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton 1, West Ham 3; Crystal Palace 1, Southempton 2. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Barcinya Commercial Services Cup: First round, first logs: Fisher 1, Crawley 4; Hadnesford 4, King's Lynn 0.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) Philadelphia Eagles 31, Dalles Coulogs 7,

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2. T Staur-Laurideen (Den), 975; 3. P-E
Hoyer-Laurideen (Den), 970; 4. H Susanto
(indo), 805; 5. Wu Wenlasi (China), 775; 6.
Lu Jun (China), 780; 7. F Permedi (indo),
765; 8. Zhao Jienhuti (China), 740; 9. K
Hak-Isyun (5 Kod), 685; 10, J Suprianto
(indo), 680. Women: 1., 7e Zhaoying
(China), 940; 3. 8 Kusurnawarcheni (indo),
926; 4. L Xiaozing (Swe), 865; 5. Huang
Hua (China), 730; 6. C Magnuston (Swe),
720; 7. L-Haung-soon (S Kod), 795; 8, Y
Santoso (indo), 655; 9, H Mizui (Japan),
586; squal 10, 8 Soo-Nyun (5 Kon) and Y
Karilea (indo), 540.

EQUESTRIANISM LOUGHANMORE, Befast: Northern Iss-land three-day event championshipe: 1. On A Masion (D. O'Connor, US); 2, Grey Prospect (D Fosier, Ire); 3, Bito (K Lands, US), British: 6, Too Smart (K Disort); 7, Ref'e Best (A Tuolest; 8, Paddington Best (R Pouell), Junior: 1, Goodey Lucy (S England, GS); 2, Dark Serpert (K Connoly, Ire); 3, Arden Beverly Westwood (S Carter, GB). GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS CHAMP-IONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: South Herbs: 284: Berkhemsted (P. Willerme 75, E. Sherpe 79, S. Excell 80), 256: Verulem, 250: Ashryna: Individual: Williams (Berkhamsteed), Stratford-upon-Avon: 280: Bishop Vesey 265 (J. Hemphill 77, A. Carey 76, R. Anderson 77), 248: Princethorpe College, 249: Solinul V Form College, Individual: 74: S. Webster. (Queen Etzebeth).

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Cup. Orlygsson was prepared

to overlook the trip abroad for

Iceland's World Cup qualifier

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international.

Onlygsson, who has figured

in the centre of midfield while

Forest have strung together an unbeaten run of four games, will be replaced by Kingsley Black, the Northern Ireland

Mark Aizlewood, 33, the

Bristol City and Wales defend-

er, is to have keyhole surgery

on his back which will keep

him out until next year.

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US RYOSER CLIP POINTS: 1, F Couples, 803,000; 2, J Cook, 827,500; 3, T Kiss, 440,000; 4, J Suman, 360,833; 5, D Lose, 337,500; 5, C Pavin, 315,000; 7, J Geltenhar, 297,500; 8, R Ployd, 280,000; 7, J M C'Mesma, 278,550; 10, D Forsman, 285,500; 11, B Fason, 250,000; 12, G Sausen, 255,000; 13, S Pats, 245,589; 44, C Beck, 237,500; 15, B Lietzke, 222,500. SEEX, 237, 300; 15, B LISBSB, 222,500.
US PGA TOUR: Money winners (US unless stated): 1, F Couples, 51, 268, 186; 2, D Love, \$1,095,230; 3, N Price (2m), 5930,639; 4, T Mar, \$009,236; 5, J Cook, \$885,971; 6, C Pasin, \$757,134; 7, B Pason, \$753,093; 8, D Forsman, \$700,190; 3, J Stumen, \$885,913; 10, R Ployd, \$865,918. REAL TENNIS

MORETON MORRELL: MCC by Moreton Morrel, 3-2 (MCC names first): M Estorick by PWiscon-Surn, 6-4, 6-6); J.English lost to T.Heywood-Lonadale, 0-8, 5-6; J.Farrell by R Greaves, 6-3, 6-4; R Lewignos and J Parker lost to A Young and C Thomes, 1-6, 1-5; A Mason and B Sharp by S Allen and J Dialoy, 6-1, 6-3. LEAMINGTON: MCC bt Learnington, 4-1 (MCC names first): M Estorick bt B Jury, 8-



Parrott: semi-final place in Dubai

RIFLE SHOOTING

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3, 6-3; N Laster bt G Broome, 6-3, 6-1; R Devies bt J Disloy, 5-8, 6-0, 6-3; R Lawrence and J Parker bt D Seiby and M Powel-Brist, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; A Mason and B Sharp lost b D Weston and H Datton, 6-3, 1-5, 4-6.

BLAIR ATHOLL: National Rifle Cub of Scotland major, rifle meeting: Masswell Cup: 1, J De Hawlland (English Villa). 277bts; 2 J Carmichael (Bromsgrove), 274; 3, T Koher (NRCS), 272. Tearn: 1. Belinchrochen, 554; 2, Bielr Alholl, 539.

DUBAI DUTY PREE CLASSIC: Quarter-finat: J Paroti (Eng) bt N Price (Eng) 5-0 (Paroti first: 58-41, 117-5, 68-1, 65-41, 87-

SQUASH RACKETS

BRIMINGHAM: Inter-Footweer world challenge: Final: Jensher Khen (Pelr) bt R Mertin (Aus), 8-5, 2-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-4.

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BASKETBALL

Bannister is hoping to beat the cut

TWO of the three newcomers in the England squad to take on Russia in Manchester next month should have plenty of support on their debuts assuming they survive Kevin Cadle's final pruning. Cadle, the England coach,

which he will eventually have to omit three players. Alan Bannister, at 7ft 5in. Britain's tallest sportsman and Danny Craven, a 6ft I lin 20-year-old, who has played for the national under-22 team, will, in particular, be

The third new boy in Cadle's training squad is Kurt Samuels. The Wolverhampton-born New York-raised guard has made a bigger impression for Derby Bucks so far this season than both his club's new Americans.

Samuels obviously took the chance of making an early impression in Derby's fixure on the opening day, which was against Cadle's club, Guildford Kings.

ENGLAND SCLIAD: A Byrd, K Brown, T Gordon, M Henlen, K Miller (ell Guirdord); C Irish (Potsmouth); M Lendel, K Samu-els (both Detby); J Moone, P Scarlebury (both Londor); M Obeseld (Thames Valley Tiges). A Barnisser, D Craven (both Manchester Glands); S Bucknall (Villerbeurne, Fr); M Hubbard (Worthing)

SPORT IN BRIEF

By NICHOLAS HARLING chance of challenging for the world title in Birmingham next year, when the sport in England celebrates its centenary. Troke won two European

singles titles, five Commonannounced a squad of 15 wealth gold and two bronze medals in singles and doubles. yesterday for the European championship match from Her best achievement at the world championships was a bronze in 1983. Golden contract

Ice hockey: The Pittsburgh Penguins have signed Mario Lemieux to the richest contract in National Hockey League hoping it is not them. Both (NHL) history, a seven-year play for Manchester Giants. deal believed to be worth about \$42 million. The Penguins also announced that Scott Bowman had signed a new contract and would remain as coach.

Cowboys routed

American football: Herschel Walker ran for two touchdowns against one of his former teams and the Philadelphia Eagles sacked Troy Aikman four times and intercepted him three times in a 3 I-7 rout of the Dallas Cowboys. Philadelphia and the Miami Dolphins are the only undefeated teams in the National Football League.

Graf at Brighton

Tennis: Steffi Graf heads a for Troke strong line-up for the Midland Bank women's champion-Helen Troke, the former ships at the Brighton Centre from October 18 to 25. She European and Commonwealth champion, is to retire will be challenged by three other players from the world's top ten: — Mary Joe Fernan-dez, Conchita Martinez and from international badminton at the age of 28. Her decision means that she will miss the

Anke Huber. Heavy date

Boxing: Henry Akinwande, the London heavyweight, will meet Francesco Damiani, of Italy, for the vacant European championship at the Albert Hall on November 11.

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Uefa makes unpopular decision

Barcelona chosen as venue for third Leeds match

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LEEDS United's European Cup-tie against VfB Stuttgart will be decided at the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on Friday night. After five days of procrastination, Uefa. the governing body of Euro-pean football, finally deter-mined yesterday the suitable time and place for the third leg of the tie.

The solution, which emerged after appeals and counter-appeals from both clubs, will be seen by Uefa as an appropriate compromise. In effect, though, it has caused maximum inconvenience not only to Leeds and four countries preparing for next week's World Cup qualifying ties but also to Scunthorpe United, who were due to play Leeds tonight in a Coca-Cola Cup-

However, as Leslie Silver, the Leeds chairman, said, at least the matter is about to be concluded. "The last few days had become a farce," he said. "So we are pleased that the situation has been resolved.

football and stop playing politics." Once Leeds had heard of

the decision, they chose not to appeal against it. Instead, they trusted they would be offered the assistance of the national managers of England, Scot-land, Wales and France, each of whom could have demanded the release of their international players.

The co-operation was forthcoming. Graham Taylor agreed to release David Batty and Tony Dorigo, who will join the rest of the England squad at the weekend rather than on Thursday in Lilleshall

for fitness assessments.

"I want to support Leeds,"
Taylor said. Clearly, though,
he will be displeased that his
first free weekend of the season has been so disrupted. So will Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, who has allowed Gary McAllister to represent Leeds, and Terry Yorath, of Wales, who has freed Gary Speed. Gerard Houllier, the France manager, has also permitted Eric Cantona to

welcomed by Leeds officials.

"It's brilliant news," the club

secretary. Nigel Pleasants, said "We have managed to

charter a plane for the team

and press, but there's not

much time for supporters to

ticket arrangements and how

the costs arising from the

match will be met. The game

will be transmitted live on

BBC Radio 5, starting at 8pm.

make their arrangements." Leeds are still waiting to hear from Uefa regarding

Leeds to be live on TV

SUPPORTERS of Leeds United will be able to watch their team's European Cup rematch against Stuttgart on Friday on ITV. "The whole match will be networked live," a spokesman, Peter Coppock, said yesterday. "There is cer-tain to be tremendous

ITV will have to pay around £200,000 for the rights to screen the game from Barcelo-

na's Nou Camp stadium. The decision was warmly

Hitchcock rewarded

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KEVIN Hitchcock, the goal-keeper who ousted Dave Beasant at Chelsea, was yesterday given a new fourvear contract.

Hitchcock was on a week-toweek contract at Stamford Bridge before Chelsea's manager. Ian Porterfield, called him up to replace Beasant. Beasant had made a succession of blunders, two of them leading to goals for Norwich City on September 12.

Since then, Hitchcock, the former Mansfield Town goalkeeper, has kept three dean sheets, and although Chelsea lost 2-i at Arsenal on Saturday, he saved a penalty.

Chelsea are still hoping to import the Russian goalkeeper, Dimitri Kharin, for a trial

represent his club. Yet he, like the other national managers. had a right to insist that his chosen squad member should be available to him.

Leeds have also been spared, with the permission of the Football Association, the ordeal of completing their Coca-Cola Cup tie against Scunthorpe. It was to have been held at Elland Road tonight but it has been

"It is in the best interests of British football that this mat-ter is settled as quickly as possible," Silver said. "We are concerned about upholding the goodwill and reputation of this club, English football and the relationship between ourselves and Uefa. We'll play the game and hope to win through to the second round against Rangers."

Stuttgart beat Leeds 3-0 in the first leg. Leeds won the second leg last Wednesday 4-1 but Stuttgart qualified for the second round on the away-goals rule. However, Uefa ruled that Stuttgart had fielded an ineligible player in the second leg and eventually demanded a replay. Uefa was determined that the third game would not interfere with the next round, the first leg of which is scheduled to be played on October 21. Friday's match will be conclusive. If necessary, extra time and

penalties will be used. Yet it may be staged in front of a minimal audience. The stadium, the centrepiece of the Olympic Games football tournament during the summer, has a capacity of 120,000 but Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, commented: "It will be near as dammit empty. The atmosphere will be the same

way, the competition will be as fair as can be on the night." Nevertheless, Wilkinson indicated his side would be especially eager to earn the right to go through to play Rangers in the last 16. "There has been a lot of giving and taking to arrange this tie," Wilkinson said, "and we seem to have been doing most of the giving. We won't be short of reasons for wanting to go out and win on Friday."



Doyle severs link with Hearn

By PHIL YATES

IAN Doyle has resigned from his partnership with Barry Hearn in snooker's world players - Stephen Hendry, the world champion, and Mike Hallett - have been withdrawn from the Belgian Masters in Antwerp this

month. Doyle's decision to sever his world series connections with Hearn, a fellow board member of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, follows financial and procedural disagreements in addition to the failure of Gary

Wilkinson to secure a place in the Belgian Masters field. "Although I was a partner

in world series. I might as well have been on the moon in said yesterday. "My players are still awaiting money from the Kent Classic in China five weeks ago. The whole matter is in the hands of my solicitors.

Doyle is also annoyed that Wilkinson, the world No. 8 and one of his players, has been passed over in favour of Peter Ebdon and Ronnie O'Sullivan, who, the Belgian promoters believe, possess

The event, won last year by Hallett, will now revert to an invitation tournament outside the world series. Tony Drago, of Malta, and Allison Fisher. are likely to replace Hendry and Hallett

Frank Vereecke, one of the joint promoters, said: "I'm not happy not to have Stephen and Mike here but I won't give in to blackmail."

In response, Hearn said: Promoters in Belgium wanted to invite Ebdon and O'Sullivan not me. The only losers have been the players because the prize-money has

"With regard to the money from China, it is not Barry Hearn that owes the money. It is World Series Snooker that is still owed money by the sponswill be paid out

immediately. John Parrott, the defending champion, reached the semifinals of the £224,000 Duhai Duty Free Classic yesterday with a 5-0 victory over Mick Price, of Nuneaton. After trailing Willie Thorne 2-1, James Wattana recovered to win the next four frames for a 5-2 SUCCESS.

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been reduced to £50,000. more crowd appeal. Bates returns to court after having tests on heart

By Andrew Longmore

JEREMY Bates, who lost to Neil Borwick in the first round of the Australian Indoor tennis championships in Sydney, has undergone heart tests and might be forced to cut back his schedule over the winter.

The British No. 1, aged 30 and ranked 90 in the world, went to hospital in Brisbane last week after suffering from "pounding pains" in his chest. Bates has been plagued by mystery ailments in recent years. Exhaustive tests carried

out two years ago failed to identify the cause of a virus which affected his stamina for much of the summer. In the disastrous Davis Cup tie in Delhi late last month, he had a bout of dysentry and suffered from such severe headaches that he had to consult a neurologist. Bates was advised by the British Davis Cup team doctor. John Matthews, to return home after the tie. But, despite having a pulled stomach muscle, he was forced to go to Brisbane to avoid being fined by the ATP Tour.

Bates lost 6-1, 6-4 to Borwick, of Australia, a wildcard entry, in his first match for eight days and then re-vealed that he needed cardiac tests in a Brisbane hospital. "I was awake all night and

my heart was pounding. I didn't know what the heck was going on, so I went to the hospital at six in the morning ... I was starting to get pretty scared," Bates, 30, said. "They did all kinds of tests on me and then I flew down to Melbourne to stay with a friend of mine who is a cardio-vascular surgeon and I had some blood tests done.

They've discovered couple of things wrong with me. I get low blood pressure when I stand up and I have a spasm in the neck, so I am having problems swallowing. "I felt fine out there today, I

was just happy to be on the court, but I'm a bit scared about actually pushing my respiratory system. I've done a lot this year and I think it's just my body telling me I have to pack it in a bit."

John McEnroe said yester-

tennis prize-money to help the world's needy. After coming from a set down to eliminate Andrei Olhovskiy, of Russia, in the second round in Sydney, McEnroe said: "I would give five or ten per cent of my prize-money to help out, but where do you start? I'm going to look at starting a foundation that I can put in a couple of million [dollars] and that can only go to charity . . . it will

be a small way of feeling like

I'm giving something back."

Andrew back to play for Wasps

spliced out of screen

BY DAVID HANDS

ROB Andrew, England's most capped stand-off half with 48 appearances, will return this month to Wasts. the club he guided to the Courage Clubs Champion-ship in 1990 and which stands at the head of the present first division table.

Andrew, 29, has spent the last year playing for Toulouse, having moved to France at the invitation of his employers, Debenham Tewson and Chinnocks, the international property advisers, who are also sponsors to Wasps.

However, the company de-cided he should return a year earlier than expected and Andrew will be available to play club rugby on October 31 (when Wasps play Cambridge, his university). He is likely though, to have made a representative appearance a fortnight earlier, having been named in the England squad to prepare for the international against Canada on October 17 just down the road from

Wasps, at Wembley.
"I never really left the fold,"
he said. "It was felt that now was a good time to come back into the UK property invest-ment market, but it is unfortunate that my very enjoyable time with Stadt Toulouse has been cut short just when things were going so well for

However, Andrew returns to a buoyant Wasps, who have three wins out of three in the league and have been greatly assisted by the form of Adrian Thompson, the former Harlequins and Rosslyn Park stand-off. Indeed their midfield has been operating particularly effectively and Andrews presence will mean

an embarrassment of riches.

Wasps have yet to approach
the Senior Clubs Association Registrar to reregister Andrew - who has played this season in the Yves du Manoir competition for Toulouse - and after

of his eligibility to play competitive nigby in England will he discussed. But there appears no reason why he should not resume his career at the earliest opportunity since he does not fall

within the orbit of the restrictive eligibility regulation.

□ Philippe Sella, the French centre, will miss his country's match with South Africa on October 17 because of a serious thigh bruise, his doctor

said vesterday. Dr Jean Fabre said Sella was given general anesthesia on Tuesday and an incision was made in his thigh to break up clots of blood in the bruise, which he sustained during a

Fabre said Sella would definitely miss the first international against South Africa in Lyon and probably would not be fit for the second, on October 24 in Paris.

Sella, who captained France in last season's five nations' championship, agreed with the French coach, Pierre Berbizier, to miss the summer tour to Argentina.

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O'Reilly mourned by Bradman

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

SIR Donald Bradman yesterday led the tributes to Bill "Tiger" O'Reilly, one of the greatest spin bowlers the game has known, following his death in a Sydney hospital at the age of 86.

"I am very sorry indeed to hear of the passing of my old friend and colleague," Bradman said. "He was the greatest bowler that I ever faced or saw and in my opinion certainly the best bowler Australia ever viroduced.

In his autobiography, Farewell to Cricket, Bradman wrote: "How many times in my life have I been asked: Who is the greatest bowler you have ever played against?" My answer has invariably been O'Reilly. Of all the firstclass batsmen I know who played against him in his prime, not one disagrees with this view."

O'Reilly, who was 6ft 3in, was a big man in every sense of the word. He played Test cricket between 1931 and 1946 and bowled his leg

breaks and googlies at such a pace that it was almost impossible to get down the pitch to

In 27 Tests he took 144 wickets at an average of 22.59, including three hauls of ten wickets in a match. His 203 wickets for New South Wales in 33 Sheffield Shield matches cost 17.10 apiece. Another former Australian

captain. Richie Benaud, 62, recalled watching O'Reilly for the first time at the age of nine. He said O'Reilly's attitude to batsmen was simple: "He hated them and it was that which earned him his

Harold Larwood, 87, the England fast bowler who played against O'Reilly in the Bodyline series of 1932-3, described him as "the best medium-pace spin bowler there ever was". He recalled how he fell victim to the last



Smiling Tiger: O'Reilly, a cricketing legend

ball of the first over he faced from O'Reilly. "It came so fast I didn't even see it," Larwood

O'Reilly's duels with Walter Hammond were a feature of Anglo-Australian Tests of the 1930s and he also matched wits with such great players as Sutcliffe, Hutton and Comp-ton. Apart from the Bodyline series, he toured England in 1934 and 1938 and played in the Ashes series in Australia in

On his retirement from cricket, O'Reilly turned to journalism and won many new admirers with his trenchant comments in the Sydney Morning Herald. He was a passionate opponent of many aspects of the modern game and despaired at the declining influence of spins bowlers.

He had no time for one-day cricket or matches under floodlights, which he called "pyjama cricket". O'Reilly was made an OBE in 1971 and in 1988 a grandstand at the Sydney Cricket Ground was named after him.

TCCB finds that Stemp took drug 'unwittingly'

CRICKET'S first drugs case ended in a typical fog of obfuscation yesterday (Peter Ball writes). After a three-hour meeting at Edgbaston, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) disciplinary committee found that Richard Stemp, the Worcestershire spin bowler, had taken amphetamine, but unwittingly. No action is being taken.

Stemp had been selected at random for a test on the Saturday of Worcestershire's game with Middlesex at Uxbridge in July. His sample was found to contain a quantity of amphetamine.

The committee heard evidence from Richard Stemp and from Worcestershire and is satisfied that he had not knowingly taken amphet-amines, and that they had been administered to him without his knowledge and without his approval and authority," the TCCB statement said. Beyond that they would

not go.
The TCCB, however, reemphasised its determination

on drugs. Stemp, who was accompanied by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) lawyer, Lawrie Dorfman, and the Worcestershire secretary, Michael Vockins, had been instructed to say nothing, and the chair-man of the disciplinary committee. Peter Bromage. of Warwickshire, also refused to comment.

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The meeting also discussed the year's disciplinary pro-ceedings, with the effective-ness of fines for balltampering being questioned. The players representative, David Graveney, reported some disquiet from his members that £1,000 levied on

Surrey was meaningless.
The PCA is also asking the TCCB cricket committee to consider changes. Ball-tampering is at the forefront, with a suggestion that umpires should examine the ball regularly. The PCA also suggested the abolition of the one bouncer per over rule and asked how players can be registered as domestic players in two countries simultaneously.



The mother who has taken Italy to the streets



PROPERTY p7 Will prices ever rise again? And if so, when?



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Spliced out of screen history

A search is on for thousands of feet

Play Was

of missing British films

l he National Film Archive, which has spent the best part of 60 years saving Britain's film heritage, has just published an attractive, if melancholy, pictorial album about the ones that got away. The declared object of the book, Missing Believed Lost — The Great British Film Search, is to alert anyone with a clue to the whereabouts of the lost legion of British films.

The National Film Archive needs all the help and good fortune it can get in its endeavours to trace the un-traceable," declares J. Paul Getty Jr in his preface to the book. Mr Getty himself has been the archive's major source of help and good fortune for the past decade or so. His unpublicised benefactor to the archive and the tions to the archive and the Museum of the Moving Image are conservatively reckoned at about £20 million.

The 100 films in Missing Believed Lost represent only the tip of the iceberg of lost films. Vanished British titles alone run into hundreds of thousands. No medium has ever been more vulnerable to



Lost work: David Lean was on many early credits

destruction, decay and ne-glect. Films were not only expensive to keep but actually dangerous. The nitrate base on which they were printed until the 1950s was inflammable and chemical changes could suddenly turn it into high explosive.

Even after the film archives began to rescue films, the rate of destruction remained high. Griffith and Eisenstein took precedence over the humbler films that enchanted people, week after week, in their local fleapits.

These orphans of the Odeons are the films particu-larly mourned by Missing Believed Lost. There are a few classics of course - George Pearson's 1916 thriller Ultus; an Expressionist version of Henry Irving's one-time warhorse. The Bells: Ivor Novello in The Constant Nymph; a 1926 Hitchcock thriller, The Mountain Eagle.

However, most are "quota quickies", cheap films churned out in the 1930s to take advantage of regulations imposing a minimum quota of British films on cinemas.

These films tended to be made by Hollywood veterans washed up in London, or British youngsters seizing their first chance to direct. Among them was the now-venerated Michael Powell, 12 of whose early films are apparently lost for ever. The names of other important film makers of the future often appeared on the credits - David

Lean as editor, for example. The catalogue could be extended endlessly. Missing Believed Lost does not, for example, mention one of the most glaring gaps in our cinema history — the disappearance of all evidence of Britain's first woman director, Dinah Shurey. In the late 1920s she made a number of features, from which not a single shot appears to survive. Nor is there any trace of what became of Miss Shurey.

Our knowledge of our film heritage is in fact far outweighed by what has been lost and forgotten in less than a

DAVID ROBINSON

Our blessed Lady of the Ism

A revealing analysis of Thatcherism is published as the Tories meet in Brighton. Colin Welch reports

ady Thatcher does not need to speak at the Tory conference ceedings, to be the Brighton Belle. She just has to turn up, to be there, like the stone guest, physical proof of her continuing vitality, a reminder to the Tory faithful of past triumphs, hopes and

Since she was so rudely interrupted, what has occ-urred to efface from Tory minds her memory? Precious little. Her warnings have apparently been vindicated. Lesser persons now struggle in vain against exactly what she warned against against what she alone might have resisted with handbag and cries of no, no, no. Fears of a federal, socialist, centralised and bureaucratic Europe fester in Tory minds. Oh for a Maggie they cry, to save us from it or at least to cap it, sit on its head and reduce it, like the loony left, to a benign

The sins which supposedly caused her downfall are pretty well forgotten. The poll tax, for instance. It was unfair, people screamed. Perhaps it was meant to be, to hurt, to bring local voters back to their senses. By now, it might well have done so. If it hurt too much, it could have been cut by her just as by her successors: little injustices are less resented. As if to render it in retrospect even more acceptable, the Son of Poll Tax now shambles to Westminster to be born... Lady Thatcher's mistakes endure, if at all, to bedevil not her but her luckless

Above all. Lady T appears at Brighton tomorrow as the sole ossessor of an "ism" of her own --Phatcherism. Perhaps we can envisage "isms" for other recent British leaders — Callaghanism, Wilsonism, Heathism, But somehow the words have not caught on - perhaps because those to be thus honoured were obviously not in were thus rudely blown away. Lady T's, by contrast, if buffeted and awry, effulgently crowns her still. No need for her to speak, unless for

successors, leaving her radiant and

cash Her "ism" speaks for her. What does it say? What is Thatcherism? A timely but scholarly book by Shirley Robin Letwin tells us all.

The existence and use of the word, like Gaullism, offers a clue. It surely denotes not some great vaunting theory, pre-existing or supposedly emerging from the facts, all explaining and all master-ing. It stands rather for the attitude and reactions of some particular (important) person in some particular place at a particular point in

What is Thatcherism about? Ask 100 members of the chattering classes and you will probably get more than 100 answers, some



contradictory and few complimentary. A few at random, noted by Dr Letwin: greed sanctified; economics exalted over all: laissez-faire let loose; the rich richer, the poor poorer, help denied to the helpless; hard-hearted callousness; more or less centralisation; hypocrisy, impious misuse of the scriptures, moral or pseudo-moral ti-

rades and crusades; for the working classes and their in stitutions, for trade unions and local government: unresting activitism; no peace; an inability to listen or hear voices urging mod-eration; failure to "consult" or seek consensus; crass materialism; philis-

tinism; Tesco's flourishing while cathedrals and universities, arts tradition, which Lady Thatcher has and learning decay.

A few more monopolies favoured, provided they are private; trade unions and the CBI, local disrespect for hallowed traditions; the blasphemous introduction of commercial disciplines into non-

education, of money changers into the temple; technology vainly overvalued; an arrogant and disputatious insularity, cheap and strident patriotism (the late Peter Jenkins called her "the tin Lady").

All this and much more has been alleged for or against Lady Thatcher and her "ism". I could go on: Dr Letwin does.

Painstakingly, meticulously and her way through all this chattering detritus, noting. classifying, polishing and preserving whatever is true or part-true or sugges-tive, discarding whatever is false, and fully explainget more than ing why she does so. Note, for instance, what she says about

Thatcherism and been accused of brushing aside. Now many of the sacred cows like authorities and the BBC which she kicked around or ignored or refused to listen to are seen here as commercial sacred places like uni-versities, the health service and richly corrupt, perverted or ossified,

clutching her la-

crosse stick with a

fierce unearthly

grip. Nobady warned me that it

was possible to be-

come institutionalised in a fort-

night, but it is. One day, in an effort

to push some blood back into the

decision-making portion of the

brain, I took a morning off from

the screenings, and struck out

independently towards the duomo.

purchasing a guidebook en route.

But could I really behave like an

autonomous person any more?

Well, could I frizzante, quite

I did well at first. Nobody offered

me a free drink or a courtesy bus,

yet I walked several hundred yards

in the right direction. Suffused with

the giddy spirit of independence, I

sat on the steps of the duomo

reading my guidebook, and deliberately paid no attention to the little

group of tourists ushered inside.

Only when I started examining the

ceiling, mystified, did I discover that by a happy chance this

unknown group was in fact an

official (free) PrixItalia excursion.

which would shortly culminate in

honestly.

far from traditional. The older British tradition of the historian F.W. Maidand would have scorned all such interests and pressure groups as over-mighty subjects, to whom it would be constitutionally improper to defer.

Lady Thatcher was often not breaking with an old tradition but reverting to a still older one. Tory collectivism, "the middle way", against which she revolted, for growth, imported according to Dr Letwin from the Continent, neither native nor venerable.

It is fascinating to watch her at work, like a skilled and careful surgeon with the most refined and delicate instruments. Never does she sink to polemic or abuse, not even where i, for one, would have welcomed it. For instance, she quotes Tony Crosland as "determined to destroy every grammar school in the land". Before "gram-mar school" an expletive, I fancy, has here been deleted. If so, Dr Letwin is too scrupulous to restore it, though it did confer on Crosland's determination a pecu-

liarly macabre heartlessness. Her definitions and distinctions are wonderfully nice and precise, often arresting, demanding thought before being accented. Her book cannot have been easy to

she weighs other commitments, economic and so on. in the balance and finds them something less than fundamental, important, yes, but means to a more important end.

In particular she rejects power and money as primary motives for Lady Thatcher Thatcher she allows to be autocratic, perhaps, but far from authoritarian - a distinction not often made by her detractors, though important to Dr Letwin. Central power Lady Thatcher amassed only to devolve it, to give it not to the oppressive subordinate and local participatory fuss-pot bodies favoured by Labour but right the way back to the individpatient, the unorganised "customer" and

Again, Lady T is held in these pages to regard the wealth generated by the free market as merely a welcome bonus. The fundamental purpose of the free market is for her *monal*, to promote or permit or restore the "vigor ous virtues" (Dr Letwin's key phrase) of the British people, as opposed to the soft virtues which, especially since her hated Sixties, have reduced them to dependence. Her fundamental commitment has always been to the character of both individual and nation. J. S. Mill would have approved.

Lady Thatcher has in Dr Letwin's eyes earned her "ism" by altering the way people here think and behave by vastly enlarging the

boundaries of what is deemed politically possible, by reversing the irreversible, by noting the supposedly inevitable dreary trend towards Marxism and sharply barking at it: "Inevitable! Inevitable, about TURN!"

Dr Letwin, even at this gloomy moment, believes or hopes that Lady Thatcher's achievements are in their turn irreversible. We shall see. Our present miseries, to be sure, are not caused by any failure Lawsonism, perhaps, though the great original Lawsonist hotly disagrees. Yet, presumably, if a decade can change the character of a nation for the better, another decade could change it for the worse. As Lady Thatcher has shown, nothing is inevitable or irreversible - no, not even herself. The analysis of Thatcherism, by Shirley Robin Letwin (Fontana, £6.99)

Stand by everybody, here comes the judge

What is

Thatcherism

about? Ask

100 people

and you will

100 answers

he analogy may not ring hells with everybody else, but the two intensive weeks I just spent at the PrixItalia in Parma reminded me rather forcibly of First Term at Mallory Towers. Not that we were expected to take part in lacrosse trials or anything like that (it's an international radio and television competition, not really a girls' boarding school at all). But in other respects it was eerily similar. You turned up on your first day all bewildered and overwhelmed. wondering how you would ever learn your way around, or under-stand anything, or make friends; and before long you were planning midnight feasts, vowing lifelong pledges of friendship, nominating the class buffoon, and showing

This was all rather a shock to someone who, in normal circumstances, reels from the excitement of a visit from Datapost. It was like a different space-time continuum. True, I carried pictures of the cats at all times, but there was little opportunity for homesickness, or indeed sentiment of any kind. Up with the Parman larks for the official bus to the palazzo! Watch TV! Eat lunch! Drink fizzy wine! Watch more TV! Get a bus back! Out to a reception with speeches in Italian, broadcast on live television! Eat dinner! Drink fizzy wine! Do prep! And all the time, talk, talk,

new bugs the short-cut to the

talk, talk, talk. What a whirl. Naturally I shed a few tears on my weary pillow at night — Oh Mummy, Mummy, why did you send me to Mallory Towers?" - but usually fell asleep

SINGLE LIFE: Lynne Truss on having iust that little bit too much done for her

half-way through the second Mum-my. One day, in the queue for the free funch, I confided to a very nice fatherly man (from Den-mark) that I had actually brought some kitty-snaps with me to the Prixitalia (ho ho). He paused for a

moment, and then said "Really," in a deep foreign voice and a level tone. "Oh yes," I said, "I'll show you if you like!" At which he gave me a funny up-and-down look, but otherwise made no comment. Perhaps kitty-snaps means something. suggestive in Danish.
I have never had my hand held

so firmly as at the Prixitalia. For two weeks, one could rely on outside forces to plan and execute one's every move. Leave your wornes on the doorstep, they said; glamorous young women in pink uniforms have been elected to do all the worrying on your behalf. And it was true. Every time we looked round, we could see a little cluster of gape-faced women in pink suits wringing their lovely hands in a state of total dismay (something about bus-times, usually). "Oh look, more worned pinkies," we would say to one another callously, and

But the danger, oh the danger. Which would shortly culminate it.

Take a normally solitary anxious lunch. At which point I gave in.

when Patrick McGoohan thinks he has escaped the village and driven to London, but he opens a door to find himself slap-bang in the middle of Portmeirion again. My adventure in self-determination such as this, and she will have to be had lasted all of seven minutes, and was possibly only an illusion indragged away. duced by funny mushrooms.

The point of all this was that trailing her hair in the dust intoning the school song and

when I got back home to England I suffered a dreadful sense of letdown. And worse, I discovered that the decision-making part of my brain (as I feared) had died. Just like that. A tragedy really, because formerly I utilised it quite a bit. Butprod it now and it does not move. Pick it up and let go, and it just falls down with a sickening thud. Various career directions had been altered while I was away, and instead of panicking about them 1 just thought "Great, that's nice. Shall I just queue here for the

There is no going back for Second Term at Mallory Towers, alas. As we left the palazzo on Saturday, pinkies were helping to dismantle the electrics and stack the chairs, with weird smiles of relief distorting their beauty-queen faces. Perhaps my state of enfeeblement will pass, but meanwhile the cats give me very sharp looks every time I say "Get that, will you?" when the phone rings. There ought to be after-care when you've had a shock to the system like this. Or a support group. Or at least a visit from an autonomy-therapist to check that you still have the mental will to brush your hair and make a nice

Luxurious Cashmere within your reach.

create. It cannot be read with the

brain in neutral. It will, none the

less, be indispensable to all who

seek to understand our recent

history, which Thatcherism

Warmly sympathetic to Lady Thatcher, Dr Letwin is by no

means uncritical, especially about

education, her own field. As if to

illustrate Robert Conquest's dictum

that everyone is (most) conservative

about, her tone rises as she de-

nounces the Thatcher government

for adopting here "policies most

What does Dr Letwin conceive

blatantly at odds with its funda-

these fundamental commitments

to be? One by one, like Beethoven

in the last movement of the Choral,

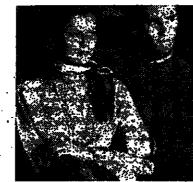
testing and rejecting theme after

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Symphony Hall Erico (treef) 211-212 33331, tomant T 30mm more 212 33331, toniont, 7 30pm (more concerts Oct 15, 20, 21) HAYES: Singer Perula Clark degrapa 19-date four, her first British concens tor ten years Beck Theatre Grange Soad, Haves, Middlesex (081-561 8971) (oright, tornertox), Sprt.

LEICESTER: Graece Prestre Company plan about a young man's selual awakerung, ceru ed by Indian novelst Firdaus Sanga. Phoenix Arts Centre, 11 Newarke Street (0533 554254), Som

appear (does nowcos), com-LONDON: The challed and injure of the Cubist behad not yet calleded logisther for reassessment, Juan Gris (1887-1927) is finall, given a major retrospective of some 50 partitings and 30 crassings. This engrousing those concentrates on his Gubbs work, showing the geometric phase in the showing the various chases in the evolution of his style and revese nomes a more sensions, less intellectual artist

a noise sensions, less interfectual and than presions, throught Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, \$1,077-377, 5015; Tues-Sun, Tram-Spm Wedito Spm!, and No. 25. Free our issue on Tues.

LONDON: A concert to celebrate 60 years of The London Philharmonic Ermus together singers Lucu Food. Ann Murray, Anthony Relf-Hoberton

COLQUHOUN AND MACBRYDE: Sometimes with but notices study of two fitnessen painters who drans hearth and are new torgotter. Royal Court, Sheare Square, SM 1 (071-750 1745). Man-Sat, Som, mat Sat, Apm. 150 mins.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: 400 DieAffin Amor in a members in the Deriman's screening psychological drams on the longing for revenue Perimi Downie, Canny Weeb and High Ross make up the cast.

Duke of York's, 3: Martin s Lane
WC2 (071-856 5122) Mon-Sat. Spm.
mats Thurs, Spm., Sat. 4pm. 120mms

FROM A JACK TO A KING: With LI FROM A JACK TO A KING: With and stylink version of McGett's of the to the too, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Softest songs. Ambassadors, West Street, London WCZ (071-636 6111). Morthurs, S. Lister Experience. S 15pm Fri and Sat, 5 30pm and 3 30pm, 120mms.

☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar Berim in the Twenties Sentimental, American, entertaining Dominion, Terrenham Court Sead, W1 (071-580 9562) Mon-Sat, Spm. mats Thurs, Sat. 2 50pm 120min

HAMLET: Alan Rickman in fascinating voice dominates a generally tastinating functions and a general low-less production Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W5 (081-748-3354). Mon-Set, 7-30pm 195mms cold out for complete not). Final week

E AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's astonishingly powerful resurrection of Priestley's drama of resumentation in the same, security special responsibility.

National (Lyttelton), South Sank, SE1 (071-928 22521 Torophi-Sat, T.30pm, mats today, Sat, 2-15pm, 100mns.

E THE INVISIBLE MAN: A cracking at the investigation make, a cooling remail of last year's production, once to a West End run. Amazing stage those devised by Paul Nie. Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford E15 (051-534 0310). Mon-Sat, Spm mat Thurs, 20th 135mins

口 IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Land in the hospital common from, matron outraged, ductors hummoved. Ray Cooney takes with lots of laughs.

revival of the series, with mildewed

jokes and a cast lacking the old mendly faces, director, Gerald Thomas Odeon Leicester Square (0426

◆ CITY OF JOY (12) American dector

Patrid: Swayte rediscovers his calling in Calcutta's slums. Strong on

Calcutta's sums, strong on atmosphere; weaker on character and plot, Director, Roland Joffe, MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero

071-434 00311 UCI Whiteleys (071-

DON'T MOVE, DIE AND RISE AGAIN (12): Memores of post-war life in Soviet

Asia Uneven, sometimes aggravating, with a fine child performance (Pavel)

GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotional

GAS POOD DUDGING (15): Embloons invest of a walness and two daughters in New Mexico Good-looking, well acted. Faruza Balk, Brooke Adams, Ione Skye; director. Allison Landers Metro (071-437 0757) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Renoir (071-857 2402).

ULITH (18) Occupational therapist Warren Beatty falls for Jean Seberg's mental patient. Splendid revival of Robert Rossen's singular and beautiful Jest film (1964)

◆ LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18):

last film (1964) ICA (071-930 3647).

Navarovi, Director, Vitali Kanevski, National Film Theatre (071-928

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts compiled by Karl Knight Collseum, St. Marten's Lane, London WCZ (071-936 3161), tonight, 7pm.

LONDON: Thanks to a helping hand from the European Arts Festival, The Place is presenting Skifte, the results of a French unitative to develop new

a french initiative to develop new choreography For a period of four weeks, ten choreographers from ten countries have been working together in Pars, along with members of their companies. A selection of the resulting collaborations of 60 artists can be seen over four mohts.

NORWICH: East Anglia has always had the advantage of being so near to and yet so lar from London. In terms of art patronage, this meant that the local gentry had easy access to the latest from London. Norfolk Portraits is a remarkable survey of regional portraiture ranges in time and ctyle from Hilliard to Francis Bacon, and in subject tratter from rovality to garnek-perers.

matter from royalty to game-eepers, prime ministers to fishermen. Fine

(0603 223624), Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Nov 29.

OXFORD: Love, song and the penis of

OXFORD: Love, song and the peris of hypnotism in Narior Meckler's touring production of Trilby & Svengali, based on Du Mauner's famous novel, Triby The production is performed by Shared Expenence, one of Britain's leading theatre touring companies. Playbouse, Beaumont Street (0865 799500), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm

☐ SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION:

□ SIX DEGRESS OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artst in John Guard's fine play on human inter-dependence Comedy, Pariton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins.

COVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDaniel and Stephen Rea as Benut hostages in Frank McGouness's new play, recently transferred from Hampstead. Vaudeville. The Strand, WCZ (071-326.0027). Alexa Ser. Prom. matr. Wed

836 9987) Mon-Sat, 8pm mats, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm 140mms

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Philip Provise's triumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodrama

laced with vol. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 3800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats

LONG RUNNERS:
Blood Brothers: Phoens (071-867 1044)
Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)

Process (071-857 10-44).

Process (071-834 1317)

Carmen Jones: Old Vc. (071-928 7616).

E Catts: New London (071-405 0072).

Dending at Lughmasa: Gamck (071-493 5085).

Dend't Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-494 5007).

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Drive Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5005).

Geod Rockin' Torite: Proce of Wales (071-493 5071).

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladum (071-494 5015).

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladum (071-494 5017).

Me and My Girt: Adelphi (071-493 5071).

Mes and My Girt: Adelphi (071-494 5010).

The Mousetrap: Si Martin's (071-436 1040).

The Mousetrap: Si Martin's (071-436 1443).

The Hamtom of the Operac Her Majesty's (071-494 5400).

Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-479 5400).

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The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-486 2238).

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devs (071-792 3332)

Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH

examples of emigre painters such as Van Dyck, Lefy and Sargent as well as the home-grown Hogarth and Gairshorminh

um, Castle Meadow

and Rene Pape under the baton of Elaus Tennstedt. Together they perform Seett oven is powerful Choral Symphony. Robert Santon's Paraphrase on Alexant's Momente, commissioned by Ghndebourne Opera during the Mozant ocentenary festival last year, completes the noncomme. completes the programme Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 1971-926 85001, 7 30pm.

LONDON: The Royal Shakespeare Company stages Ostrovsky's parody of provincial theatre, Artists and Adminers, or a new version by Kecm Evol. Privilida Lloyd directs the cast including lunda Bassett, Christopher Benjamin and Fenn Dovle. The Pit, Barbucan Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tomight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm, opens. Tues: Tpm.

LONDON: Well-balanced English National Opera production of Verdi's compelling opera The Force of Destiny, now conducted by Mark Shanahan Josephine Barstow takes Command of the most demanding of all Verd's dramatic soprano roles, that of Leonora; Edmand Barham is at his best is Don Alarro, and John Connell. Anne-Mane Owens and Jonathan Summers make a fine supporting cast. Pichard Hudson's 19th-century costumes are set against a brightly coloured abstract set

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only N some seats avaital

☐ Seats at all prices

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue. VrC2 (071-839 4401): Mon-fn, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mai Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 135mins

 ■ MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Europides's distancing interpretation in Euripides's revenge drama.

Almeida: Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

A mid Summer want is Dreams. Acted in a picel of mud. Robert Lepage's production is long and murky but irradiated with magical minages. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928) 2252), Today, 2pm and 7 15pm 145mms. ☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE:

Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play owne writers who fall out and pit ther wicked wits against each other in Edward Taylor's tholler: run-of-the-mili production Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 /071-867 1719\ Mon-Fn, Spm, Sal, & 30pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sal, \$ 30pm, 120mms.

PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Brian Friel's affectionate comedy of an oran mers americonate correcty or an insh emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be diemshed. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2 v07-1867 11167 Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 8,15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mms. SHADES: Patricta Hodge takes over

from Pauline Collins as the brave widow

hoping for remarriage in Sharman Nacdonald's birter-sweet drama Nacionald's biner-scient drama Touching moments but delivers less than in promises Alberry, 5: Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-567-1115). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, Sem, Sat, 4om-120mins

CINEMA GUIDE

SITTER MOON (18) Sexual games on an ocean liner. Preposterous, rurgid escapade from Roman Polanski, With Peter Coyote, Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country Seigner **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915553) CARRY ON COLUMBUS (PG) Univise

> burn's love for a young artist going blind Terrific in spuris, and a real move movie: With Denis Lavant and Juliette Binoche Lumière (071-836 0691)

• BOB ROBERTS (15), Tedious but lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folk-singer's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising directorial gebut by actor Tim Robbins

who also stars MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 HOUSESITTER (PG): Waitress Goldie
Hawn moves into stuffy architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses as his

wrie. A romantic comedy with a few bright spots, mostly very llying. Director, Frank Oz. MGM Balker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

792 33321 JUST LIKE A WOMAN (15): Julie Water; fals for her transvestile lodger. Prosaic romantic comedy; at least it never sniggers. With Adnan Pasdar; director, Christopher Monger Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN (PG)

◆ A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN (PG): Borsterous, chiched salute lo wartume's all-gri baseball teams. Geena Daws, Tom Honks and, moonsequentially, Madonna, Director, Penny Marshall MGM Chelsea (071-635 5036) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abni derails her lodger's intended marnage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Vicente Aranda MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) MY FATHER IS COMING (18). German film-maker Moneka Treut. **Prince Charles** (071-437 8181) ◆ PATRIOT GAMES (15): Hamson

Ford's family comes under attack from an IRA cell Absurd thinter from Tom Clancy's novel Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin; director, Philip Noyce.

Barbican (071-638 8891) Camiden (071-638 497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031: UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

SWOON (18): The Leopold and Loeb murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American and acting first from Kalin. strictiating first realize by American video artist Torn Kafin Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Metro (071-437 0757).

 UNFORGIVEN (15): Climt
 Eastwood's mellowed gumman is forced to resurrect his lethal shills. to resurrect his lethal sirils.
Manvelously resonant, reflective
Western, Gene Hackman, Morgan
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and Alan Marni, the guilty couple, cavort over the bearskin rugs like teenagers in love. Aughton looks suitably fragile, and trembles as if all the stems and petals that went to make her body are shaking in protest. Blodeuwedd and Gronw are meant to be raw; she, if I heard correctly (there are dead spots in this arena stage), is actually below child-bearing age. But while their young voices catch the daredevilry, they are short on the rage and the sound of murky experience.

The more serious dilution is in the language. "The poetry of drama is the poetry of conversation," Lewis remarks, but Blodeuwedd's idea of a chatty sentence is, "A different imperative lies at the heart of my passion." Liew, weil played by Thomas Lockyer - puzziement growing through enthu-siasm to bitterness - must cry, "Sap-lings shall grow in this oak shell!" meaning that he intends to make her

pregnant.
The language zig-zags between these two styles but sticks mainly with the one that kills enjoyment by sounding like a government minister down to his last speech-writer. I cannot speak for the quality of the Welsh originals, but the empty rhetoric - "I'd rather die!" and tired similes of ships and seeds suggest a plot on the part of Eirian. Crowned Bard at the National Eisteddfod, to proclaim the linguistic poverty of English.



JEREMY KINGSTON Lovers: Blodeuwedd (Katherine Aughton) and Gronw (Alan Marni)

CONCERT: LONDON

Rich and almost cloying

RETURNING as conductor laureate, a distinction well deserved after his wonderful work with the London Symphony Orchestra as principal conductor through the Seventies, on Sunday night Andre Previn bore the marks of a musician doggedly on the road, his shoulders characteristically hunched. In none of the three pieces, despite the generally good form of the LSO, were there many signs of that springy beat, that lively involvement, which used to mark out his work.

SHE was spun from wild flowers by the magician Gwydion to be a bride for his sister's son, Llew Llaw Gyffes. Even

as she gave birth to him, Llew's mother

cursed the boy, saying he would never

find the love of mortal woman, but curses can always be countered if you

know the way round them, which is

where Gwydion comes into the story.

The story comes from The Mabinogi, medieval collections of pre-Christian Welsh myths; and the doomed love-triangle of Llew.

Biodeuwedd and her lover. Gronw. is

here given a staging by the Actors Touring Company. The cast speak the English of Sion Eirian, who translates

from the Welsh of Saunders Lewis, a

Nationalist imprisoned in the Thirties

for setting fire to an RAF base and later

Liew can only be killed by a spear

jabbed into his back while he stands

with his feet in a water trough by the side of a river. Not much chance of that

happening, but Blodeuwedd worms

the secret from him and does what is

necessary. Once again, curses are not what they seem: Liew can be killed in

no other way, but that does not mean this way will kill him either. Back he

comes to be revenged and to warn

future generations against adultery. murder and tampering with nature. Even in Eirian's insensitive English,

the power of the myth is evident. And

though the monkish chroniclers parad-

ed their hatred of all women who are

not virgins - Llew's mother cursed

him for sullying her virginity -

Blodeuwedd is given a remarkably

sympathetic speech to defend her

behaviour. But the original power is

twice diluted in Ceri Sherlock's produc-

tion, first by choosing a predominantly

young cast, so that Katherine Aughton

short-listed for the Nobel Prize.

But the programming, at least after the opening work, Mozart's Symphony No 39 (only a routine performance). was ingenious. To draw the crowds Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, The Gramophone's Artist of the Year, was at hand after the interval for the "Moonlight" music and closing scenes from Richard Strauss's Capriccio.

This lush, heavily sentimental, symbolic (words versus music as Madeleine attempts and fails to choose between Olivier the poet and Flamand certain stolidity to the music rather than giving the orchestra, rich though it sounded, the breath of perfumed air

ALFRED JARRY's play Ubu Roi, given its Paris premiere in 1896, is one

of the seminal works of modern

theatre. Originating in a marionette

play written when Jarry was a school-

boy, Ubu Roi was developed into a

savage indictment of bourgeois society.

while its anarchic form anticipated

Dada, Surrealism and even the The-

Andrew Toovey's opera Ubu, based

closely on Jarry's play, was commis-sioned by Music Theatre Wales in

collaboration with The Banff Centre of

Alberta, Canada. Monday night saw

the first and mercifully last perfor-

mance in London, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

The scandal caused by the Paris

premiere of Jarry's play, combined with the author's early death, made him a cult hero. Why he should

continue today to be an inspiration is

less clear. Ubu is a ruthless, greedy

atre of the Absurd.

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it needed. In this hall it must be especially tricky to balance a Straussian orchestra satisfactorily, though despite a harsh local acoustic - it seemed rounder for other instruments - the solo horn playing was ravishing.

The audience loved it, but they responded with almost equal enthusiasm to Sir Michael Tippett's massive Triple Concerto (1979). An excellently matched solo string trio of Alexander Barantschik, Edward Vanderspar and Moray Welsh revelled in this ornate, wondrously scored and ingeniously constructed music, which is among Tippett's finest achievements.

Previn seemed too concerned to weld the score into an opulently beautiful whole, when perhaps he would have been wiser simply to enjoy the array of colours, majestic or veiled, it provides. ece in the end looks s gent music she sang to radiant unity, sprawling though its outpouring perfection. Yet still Previn imparted a of mellow song and exultant dance may initially seem.

CONCERT: MANCHESTER

Careful, almost cautious

AFTER the razzmatazz of Kent Nagano's charismatic opening concert as music director of the Hallé two weeks ago, everybody expected some-thing similar from Yan Pascal Tortelier, starting his own term of office with the rival BBC Philharmonic. But Tortelier is not that kind of a showman. He ended the concert with Stravinsky's Rite of Spring in what can only be called a cautious performance, as well it might have been because many details sounded as though the players were surprised to encounter them - as though this most taxing of orchestral showpieces had received very little rehearsal. Certainly Tortelier articulated the disparate sections of the work with an eye to its continuity; but the effect was a disappointment.

Gershwin's Piano Concerto sounded better. Cécile Ousset was a spirited soloist, playing with characteristic energy and power, never over-emphasising the jazz-influenced elements in the score. If Tortelier and the orchestra slightly different performance there was nevertheless some extremely skilful playing, not least Patrick Addinall's impeccably stylish trumpet solos in the STEPHEN PETITIT | slow movement (surely one of the

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hardest sections of the work to bring off, given that many of the same devices were later used so much more successfully by Duke Ellington). But the best playing, the best

musicianship and the best sense of occasion were in the opening work, by John Casken (also being welcomed as Professor of Music at Manchester University). His Tableaux des trois ages, based on symbolist paintings by Gustave Moreau, is now 15 years old and was his first work for full orchestra. Again, the choice of an early piece may reflect Tortelier's reluctance to

seem sensational. But it was a magnificently graded performance, milking a magical range of colours from the score (with lovely cello solos from Peter Dixon), building a coherent, formal design. If there is to be more of this service to living composers we can look forward happily to Tortelier's associ-ation with the BBC Philharmonic.

DAVID FALLOWS

OPERA: LONDON

Please don't carry on

brute who murders his way to power, infects the body politic with his corruption, and survives attempts to supplant him. Such Dadaesque romps today can seem tiresomely dated unless handled with creative imagination. Toovey and his fellow librettist

Michael Finnissy have extended the scatological tone of the original by spattering their text with faecal references. There is no wit here, only the kind of smut over which 15-year-old schoolfriends might snigger. Nor is there any moral to be drawn or theatrical action to be savoured: none of the characters changes or develops, none suffers or learns, and nothing here offers any dramatic interest above

the level of a Punch and Judy show. Richard Morris's Ubu, in Keith Turnbull's production, sports a ram-pant metre-long green phallus, which he uses as a sexual member and allpurpose weapon. But everything else on display - text, music, production is pathetically limp. I would not say there is more subtlety in a Carry On film, but there are more laughs and considerably more professionalism.

In attempting to match Jarry's chaotic material with his own alternating idioms, Toovey succeeds only in making us long for the next change of style. His word-setting is abysmal and constantly masked by his scoring. A monologue in Act II by Ma Ubu —

powerfully sung by Gale Oxley — was rendered inaudible by incessant rattling in the percussion department, noisy brass interjections and a cacophonous violin solo. What a waste of Madeleine Mitchell and other such fine players! Michael Rafferty conducted efficiently and cannot fairly be blamed for the score.

Other vocal parts were taken by Anne-Margaret Cameron (Buggerlips). Andrew Watts (Captain Crap), Elizabeth Harley, Twylla Augustson and William Mackie. Pity them the squandering of their talents. Simon Banham's cartoon-based design and Ace McCarron's lighting served the piece well enough. There are still 68 shopping days to Christmas. But I predict that nothing more tedious or witless will be seen at the South Bank this year.

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Deep breath for Kent's own opera

In Ashford, Kent, the coming of the Channel tunnel link has inspired the community to help write and perform a new opera. Richard Morrison reports

challenge. This is the young composer who condensed Wagner's Ring to half its length and a quarter of its orchestration. The. result, a brilliant "Reader's Digest" version in two evenings, was taken on the road by City of Birmingham Touring Opera, refreshing the parts that other Wagner cannot reach. He is also the man who set Hastings singing. Two years ago some 200 citizens of the Sussex town per-

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tings Spring, on the pier. Between these projects he does quite normal, composerly things, writing music for films and theatre. But now he has embarked on another colossal project. Last Jamiary. Glyndebourne's education department (which

formed his community opera, Has-

as behind the Hastings opera) dumped him and 'Most people's a writer. Alistair Campbell, in the heads are full of town of Ashford, music, if only Kent. They had no storyline, no pre-existing musi-cal ideas and no you can find a glimmer of the way to focus lorces available. By next March. and release it' they will have helped Ashford

create the opera that the town never knew it could create. An opera with an Ashford theme, involving every local organisation that wants to contribute.

So far these include: seven schools, a technical college, seven instrumental ensembles from the Kent Music School, a youth jazz orchestra, a local heavy-metal band, two ladies' choirs, a brass band, the Ashford Choral Society and of course the Ashford Accordion Chib. "Luckily I play the accordion myself," says Dove. So that part, at least, will be a doddle.

Writing operas for amateurs is not a new idea. It has appealed especially to composers with strong social deals: Britten, Copland, Henze, Maxwell Davies. But they created community opera only in the sense

onathan Dove could never be that the community was allowed to accused of shirking the big perform. There was no question of the community was allowed to perform. There was no question of the composer relinquishing control of the creative process.

That is where Dove — and others working in the "outreach" departments of opera companies - are breaking new ground. When Ashford's opera is complete. Dove and Campbell will certainly have murtured it into life. But many basic ideas, musical and narrative, will have come from townspeople. "That seems only fair," says Dove. "Otherwise I would simply be turning up out of nowhere and saying 'sing this!" - in effect, using the town as an enormous, ready-made cast. A megalomaniac's dream!"
How does an opera get written by

a committee of several hundred amateurs? It sounds like a definition of musical purgatory. Dove and

Campbell began holding work-shops last January. First they anted storylines. "We used workshop techniques common in community drama to tap into local concerns," says Dove. "Two topics were conspicuous: the Channel tunnel

and the railways. Ashford has always been a railway town, and soon it will be a main junction for tunnel trains.

"For some in Ashford, this represents opportunity; for others, it means leaving homes which are being demolished. Equally, our feelings about belonging to Europe are in turmoil. So our scenario is not a clear-cut, golden vision of the future. But neither is it a simplistic 'progress bad versus ecology good' story. We felt we had to honour the complexity of local feelings."

At the same time, Dove and Campbell asked for ideas from the historical "mythology" of Ashford. Somebody recalled the 15th century Siamese twins, joined at the hip and shoulder, who survived into their thirties and performed legendary



No boring please: Ashford's community opera composer Jonathan Dove beside some of the machinery used in the Channel Tunnel

charitable acts. Then there was the "Holy Maid of Kent", an epileptic who had visions, denounced Henry VIII, and was executed at Tyburn. There were stories of Ashford during the Plague, with victims' relatives being incarcerated in boardedup houses, and stories of the Blitz: of a school being evacuated, and a

train being blown up. Somehow the collaborators hammered this motley bunch of folk memories into a dramatic shape. On the one hand the story is about the opening in December 1993 of the tunnel (Eurotunnel is one of the opera's sponsors), and a plot by a group of disgruntled townsfolk to disrupt the opening pageant by lying on the track in front of the first train from France.

On the other hand, it concerns an adolescent girl, Beth, who lives in a house marked for demolition, its walls cracked by decades of railway

vibration. She has strange dreams open," says Dove. "I would not have of a historical "twin" calling for help thought of setting any of the songs as she is burnt for witchcraft, or in the ways that came about through boarded up in a plague house, or caught in a bombed school during the Blitz. Then the crack in the wall the workshops. In fact if I tried to tamper with a tune, the freshness was lost." of Beth's house opens up; she walks The workshops finished in July. through, and finds herself in the "By then I felt a terrific buzz," says

Channel tunnel. The continual

rumbles could be approaching ity operas is to release latent creativtrains - or dragons, deep underity, and to bring together local forces ground, representing the hidden fears of her and the community. that might then work together again. We are already talking about 300 singers. I've been egging on "We are not talking social realism Alistair to think of as many crowd cenes as possible." Now Dove has an autumn of hard orchestrating ahead. He must tailor

Dove. "The point of these commun-

hile the plot was being assembled. Dove began music workshops. all this raw material for a bizarre People's heads are musical conglomeration that has full of music, if only you can focus never been assembled before and probably never will again. "One and release it," he says. Bits of the text were introduced, and individchallenge is to write music that's uals came up with ways of singing exciting to perform and hear but not them. "My job was to keep my ears too difficult to play. Before I write a 7/8 bar, for instance, I shall certainly think hard about what it will cost in rehearsal time."

While Dove labours at his gigantic score. a Glyndebourne production team will create a design to transform the cavernous Stour Leisure Centre into an operatic venue. Then in January rehearsals begin: weekends first, then every evening for six weeks. Dove envisages severa different stages placed around the hall, each with its own instrumental ensemble and conductor.

Rehearsals will clearly be a logistical maelstrom. But there is always room for more performers. "In Hastings", recalls Dove. "a yodelling harmonica player arrived quite late on, and I was thrilled to discover a scene in which that was exactly what we wanted."

 During the coming months The Times will be reporting on the progress of the Ashford community opera. ARTS BRIEF

Cage's legacy

ONE of John Cage's last works is about to receive its British premiere. Europera 5, completed last year, is a typically zany concoction: the last in a series of works looking at European grand opera from an American perspective, and mixing live arias, ancient recordings on crackly 78rpm records and sinister tape noises, as well as a computerised light show. At least the audience will not be looking at their watches: Cage's work lasts precisely one hour, and a clock displayed on television monitors ticks away every magic second. The performance, by the Cambridge New Music Players, is in Blackheath Concert Hall on Friday at 8pm.

All's Wells

A NOTABLE theatrical figure has jumped ships. John Caird is to make his National Theatre directing debut with Pinero's Trelawny of the Wells, starring Robin Bailey, Michael Bryant and Helen Macrory. It is scheduled to open at the Olivier in February.

But Caird, formerly an asso-ciate director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, has also been active in his erstwhile workplace. Even though his production of Richard Neison's Columbus closed early at the Barbican Theatre. his Beggars Opera is doing well at the Swan and he is rehearsing Antony and Cleopatra for the main Stratford house. Meanwhile, a competing West End production of



John Caird: first time directing at the National

Trelawny will provide another debut next year: Sarah Brightman in her first non-musical

acting appearance on stage. Last chance . . .

WYNDHAM LEWIS was an appressive sort at the best of times, and it is difficult to escape the thought that the first world war suited him down to the ground, enabling him to see all the principles he had vious decade put into practice. His images of the war at the Imperial War Museum (071-416 5000) refuse to see the poetry in the pity, and represent instead ant-like humanity doing what its nature requires it to do. Unpleasant, but horribly impressive. Until

GALLERIES: John Russell Taylor on the Polish sculptor Igor Mitoraj

Meet an elusive master

in Britain, he first showing of Igor Mitoraj's fitting that the YSP should now be hosting his first oneman exhibition here. Or cohosting, to be more precise, since he also has simultaneously an important loan showing of more indoor-sized work in London at the Accademia Italiana, and further pieces on view at the Berkeley Square Gallery and on the Economist Plaza.

Pretty good going, one might think, for a relatively unknown artist. But this is where British insularity shows itself all too clearly. Virtually everywhere else in the world. Mitoraj is a towering figure in contemporary sculpture, with major museum exhibitions and important commissions prominently in position in places as diverse as Paris, Tokyo, Rome, Atlanta and Milan. He is at first glance easy to categorise terms like "Post-Modernist" and "Neo-Classical" spring to mind. On reflection, he is not simple to pin down at all.

Partly this must come from his eccentric background. He is Polish, born in 1944, and studied at the Cracow Academy under Tadeusz Kantor -but strictly as a painter. In 1968, during the East Euro-pean turnoil occasioned by the Prague Spring and its suppression, he escaped to Paris, and there spent some time scraping a living any way he could, waiting on tables and such before he found

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Classical grace, formal mastery and wonderful patina: Centurione I is a 1987 bronze by Igor Mitoraj

work as a commercial artist. In the early Seventies, after an extended trip to Mexico, he quite unaccountably began to sculpt. He himself thinks that some of the oddities in his sculpture must come from his having had no formal training. But how to explain his amazing formal mastery of his medium, whether modelled or carved? Apart from a classic use of assistants on the more gigantic pieces, he does it all himself.

It is this formal mastery that at first leads one astray. The Carrara marble pieces are as

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immaculate as Canova in their icy precision. It is clear from the virtuosity with which the typical swathings of bandages on faces and figures are carved that Mitoraj has nothing to learn in that department. And for truly classical grace in the depiction of ideal male and female nudes he has few equals. The bronzes are wonderfully patinated, and sometimes look as if they come from long-submerged treasure Cargoes.

At first sight, that is. But

then something very peculiar begins to emerge. The swathings are distinctly strange in their effect It is all a matter of resonance: maybe of torture and imprisonment, of mummies in their tombs, even of the cinematic Invisible Man. whose bandages gave form to the void within. And then, the pure ideal figures prove on closer inspection to carry strange wounds. They may have tiny faces or feet growing in the most unlikely places. Sometimes they are pierced by transverse shafts, which might enable light to pass through, or could indicate the passage of a particularly hefty spear.

classics, a clearly modern sensibility is at work. Though he intent, he was born under one totalitarian regime and brought up under another. He chooses to give his sculptures uncoloured titles such as Eternity. Initiation, Hands or Foot if he had called them instead Unknown Political Prisoner or Treblinka, they would instantly be understood in a very different way.

Always, beneath the evi-

dence of sober studies in the

But then, Mitoraj is a 20thcentury Pole, not an antique Roman. Polish culture has long thrived on indirection. Polish literature has its own nonsense tradition; Dada and Surrealism, with their wilful dislocation of our responses, thrived in Poland and continue to be deeply ingrained in popular culture.

ome of Mitoraj's favourite images, such as the bound torsos and the angels in the process of losing their wings, have unmistak-able parallels in the sinister and subversive animated films of Lenica and Borowczyk. And can be wickedly and blackly funny too.

As the variety of venues for these shows suggests, Mitoraj can work in any size from the minute to the monumental Henry Moore said, early on, that every sculpture has its own right size and no other. Latterly he failed to practise what he preached Mitoraj follows Moore's first insight to the letter: a change of scale always involves a rethinking of the whole concept.

Post-Modernism engenders mistrust because it often seems to let artists get away with arranging and rearranging the basic counters of classical style without penetrating deeper into the nature of life or of art. In Mitoraj it is one further stratagem for creating existential unease. Only the greatest sculptors can so reliably make these dry bones live.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

The hero and the coward are two sides of the same coin

I elevision is understandably comfortable with anecdotes on the subject and a million miles of footage with which to underlay them. The audience appears to be equally comfortable, having seen, in this century, war and media technology march forward as handmaidens, from crude and delayed newsreel film out of the 1914-18 conflict to as-it-

happens videotape in the Gulf. Perhaps the central attraction of war as entertainment is its perceived moral simplicity. The good guys versus the bad guys. This gives all of us a role. Within a day of the Gulf war starting, people in pubs were talking about us and them: "We've got them over a bar-rel." But in all war since time began, most of us have not faced most of them. We send our proxies, make heroes of those who return and of those who do not.

But heroism was never so simple, nor was cowardice. Battlecries began a four-part series last night with Heroes and Cowards, an interesting if not conclusive exposition of the drive which sends men forward into certain danger and of the moments when this drive is, usually inexplicably, simply turned off.

Cases were cited from the first world war, and the second, and the Falklands and Northern Ireland. Of the ones from which some conclusion could be drawn, a world war two bomb-aimer who simply froze, "went into limbo", soon after take off one night was the most interesting. He had bot-fled up the fear thus far but suddenly it seized him. The bomber had to turn back and the bomb-aimer was whisked off to hospital, cut off from his

His choices were stark. He could either go back (if the crew would have him), or be taken off active service as an "LMF casualty". Lacking Moral Fibre. To say that a man who is afraid of dying in a war that claimed the lives of half the men who flew for Bomber Command lacks moral fibre is a curiously ruthless and scarcely exact smear, but this target

of it chose to go back.

A few weeks later, his aircusti canisht fire soon after taking off and crashed. The man so recently lacking moral fibre got out but went back into the blazing wreckage to rescue the engineer. Thus he became a hero, a couple of weeks after the branding iron **Battlecries** BBC 2

of cowardice had been poised over his personal file.

This example got to a likely if prosaic truth, which is that heroism and cowardice are two sides of the same coin. It did not examine the role of incentive, whereby it might be argued that the courage to

mans was more elusive than that needed to rescue a person

Nor was intelligence examined. The ill-educated have always been the cannon fodder of war because they can be relied upon not to think too deeply. The military does not encourage thinking, which is its strength and its weakness.

PETER BARNARD

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Mother's boy, cannibal or the last of the libertines?



Austere look: Robert Wilson has a fresh interpretation

hat does one of the leading avant-garde theatre directors and designers - the 50-yearold Texan, Robert Wilson have in common with the poet and literary director of Spain's National Theatre, Vicente Molina? What, indeed, does he have in common with

Very little is the answer. But the cultural cocktail has produced a new version of the Don Juan story. Don Juan Ultimo (The Last Don Juan) had its world première in Madrid's Maria Guerrero Theatre last week. It was billed as one of the highlights of Madrid's autumn festival (in this city's last three menths as Europe's Cultural Capital). and is expected to tour Italy

four and a half centuries after the first dramatised version. written in 1643 by the Spanish monk Tirso de Molina. Since then, there has been a

long list of editions. In fact, one reason why Molina says he asked Wilson to direct the play is because he believed that Wilson - who produces austere, abstract and formalistic plays — would strip the personality of Don Juan dean of all its previous historical and psychological interpretations, and so produce some-thing new. But does the new play work?

Wilson says the interest for him in doing Don' loan stemmed from the fact that

like other characters he has treated on stage, such as Queen Victoria, Stalin and Einstein, Don Juan is widely known. "He is a part of all of us. men and women, and ingrained in our mythical consciousness," Wilson says.

As a result "we all come to the theatre sharing a common knowledge of Don Juan". Which is just as well, as the

Avant-garde director Robert Wilson has reinterpreted Don Juan in Spain

Texan's play is not interpretative or narrative. It simply raises questions about the character, leaving it to the audience to draw conclusions. Adding to the ambiguity. Wilson believes that the visual part of the play, or what he calls "the visual book" consisting of the way the

actors and actresses are distributed on the stage, their movements, and lighting and colour effects - should convey stage "pictures" that have a life of their own, and which are independent of the text. The approach does not come off. Some of the tableaux, precisely because they are so disconnected, are slow, tedious and confusing.

Molina's text, written in Spanish and in free-verse, is some original ideas. One is that Don Juan is a mother's boy, succoured on sweets, and maids' caresses. Another is that there is not one Don Juan but several, and they can be as different as the women in his

justful, guilt-ridden. This idea is illustrated on the stage by doubles. Meanwhile, a film projection in the play shows a man in the jungle who takes the idea of possessing women to a ghastly, imaginary conclusion: cannibalism.

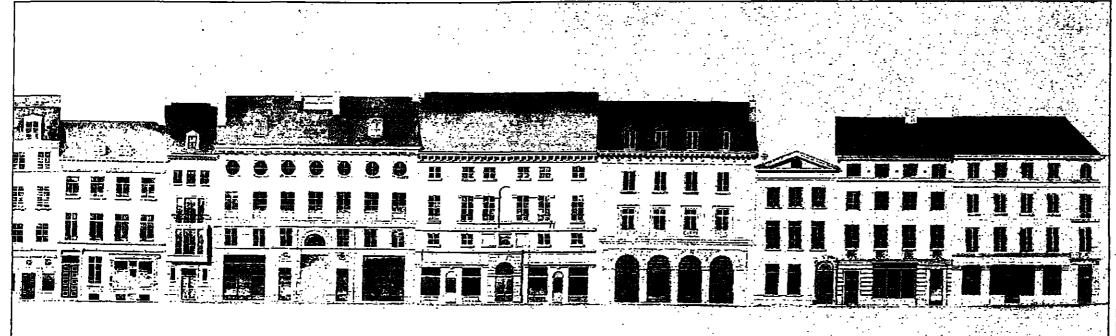
What these ideas add to our knowledge of Don Juan is far from clear. For instance, what do the doubles suggest? That Don Juan has a split-personality, or that he is driven to seduce women to satisfy a desire as a collector? The text provides no answers.

Wilson admits that there was a cultural clash during the rehearsals. In his plays which he says have a lot in

Japanese theatre - the movements of the actors are very controlled and their voices have to be calm. This is to give the audience an experience that is both internal and reflective, and exterior." Wilson says. However, in the Spanish character emotions tend to be on the surface. Learning Wilson's formal techniques therefore must have gone against the grain for most of the actors, though this was not apparent from the finished performance, which was of a high standard. Indeed, at the end of the première the audience applauded the actors much more than either Wilson or Molina, who were jeered.

JANE MONAHAN

Has royal crusade become a cult?



Prize design: town houses in the Rue de Laeken in Brussels, each designed by a young architect and co-ordinated under one guiding hand into the row which will be finished by the summer of 1993

s the Prince of Wales's architectural platform being hijacked by extremists? By a clique intent on promoting a narrower version of his ideas to their own ends?

The prince himself, opening the exhibition A Vision of Europe in Bologna last week, felt it necessary to issue some coded words of caution: "I am told this exhibition is based on the principles in my book, A Vision of Britain, and if this is so, I am delighted." The prince's vision is essentially a humane one. His proposed village at Poundbury and other Duchy of Cornwall projects are intended to provide affordable housing for local people, with opportunities to work near their homes. This is in danger of being subsumed in a war of styles in which classical solutions are pre-

sented as the only acceptable ones. The most extreme position is taken by the always incisive David Watkin, in the Bologna catalogue. "I would like to find a classical airport terminal . . . where the seats will be Klismos chairs and the signs will be written in Trajan lettering. Faintly absurd perhaps, but a wish that is likely to be fulfilled if airports follow the pattern of 1970s hotels which have filled their foyers with Georgian panelling.

There are signs of a crusade becoming a cult. Leon Krier, the brilliant philosopher-architect who

Anything goes ... as long as it's classical. Marcus Binney suggests that the Prince of Wales's ideas are being misrepresented in Italy by extremists

interesting

because it

provokes

on cities, slips a little too easily into the mould of high priest, not least because of his habit, always a white silk cravat. Look closely at the seductive painting of Krier's imaginary classical city of Atlantis on Tenerife, and there, presiding at the opening ceremony are the King and Oueen of Spain.

Liam O Connor, joint organiser of the exhibition, says its aim is "to show that the prince's ideas on traditional urbanism find an enthusiastic echo all over Europe". So it is disconcerting to discover that the first exhibit is a model of Port Grimaud in the south of France, surely one of the most exclusive developments in Europe. The thrill of Port Grimaud comes as much from the forest of high masted yachts as the Venetian architecture. It is hardly a model for inner city revival. The same can be said of the new town of Kemer, Istanbul, by Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, creators of the classical resort of Seaside in Florida. They make dever use of traditional Turkish motifs such as overhanging roofs and loggias, but the town is a high security "gated" develop-ment with houses selling for about \$500,000 (£290,000).

The exhibition is the more inter-

esting because it provokes. Inevitably, on so ambitious a project, the material is of varied nature. But it is also of very varied quality. For example, Demetri Porphyrios's superb new quad for Magdalen College, Oxford, is exhibited with a car-infested newly-paved square in Battersea, in the London borough

of Wandsworth. where one exasperated shopkeeper closed down saying: "I can survive recession, high interest rates, Mr Major, but not Wandsworth paving schemes."

A project for a new town at Iratxe in Spain commits the worst excesses of modernist com-

mercial development in its disregard for a rolling pastoral landscape. It is set on an artificial platform, half cut into the hillside, half supported on a hideous retaining wall. A masterplan for the new centre of Zola Predosa in Italy has cliff-like flats of Ceausescu proportions, while "social housing" by Charles van den Hove in Brussels

sards and silly "clip on" gables. Britain, and no doubt Holland too. could have provided far more attractive schemes, such as those Levitt Bernstein and Pollard Thomas Edwards have recently devised for housing associations.

Happily the exhibition also presents many good schemes begging to be built. In Toulouse, Philippe Gisclard has drawn up The exhibition for boxing in a grotesque multi-storey car park with streets of traditional apartments. In Stockholm, Harvor Arndt ingeniously surrounds an Ed-

wardian sanatori-

um with traditional streets and avenues. "It was the first time a developer came to me saying he wanted something traditional," he says. Most brilliant of all is the pro-

posal by the German Helmut Rudolf Peuker for healing the gash which Mussolini opened up through the streets in front of St Peter's in Rome. Peuker would fill the centre of II Duce's windblown boulevard with a galleria of shops

and restaurants. Was it commercially viable, I asked Geoffrey Wilson, the promoter of the Paternoster scheme north of St Paul's, which has pride of place in the exhibition? "You're out of date. That's not the test anymore. It's what people think is commercially viable when they

begin, he replied artifully.

Among completed projects the French and the Spanish make the strongest showing. At Rochefort, Louis XIV's naval base south of La Rochelle, the architect Bruno Coussy has produced streets of new housing which every planner in Europe should see. Forgetting the goldfish bowl street lamps, here is simple, brightly painted vernacular, given character by constantly varied windows, shutters and doors, with the cornice line changing subtly from house to house.

The badge of courage goes to Ernst Schirmacher for his recon-struction of a row of large traditional gabled houses on Frankfurt's Römerberg Square. "It was done against the strong recommenda-tions of the architectural jury." the catalogue says. "Long before the buildings were completed they met with universal condemnation from the architectural Press but were broadly welcomed by people of all

ages, professions and stations."

Spain produces good examples of literal classicism in a columned, pantiled community hali at Muskiz, and a spectacular crescent of new apartments at Olot, by Ramon Fortet, fronted by a majestic sweep of paired columns. This is let down, alas, by the metal windows behind the colonnade which have all too visible blank panels between the storeys.

The best single role model is a scheme in the Rue de Laeken in . Brussels where the AG insurance company held a competition for young architects (under 40) to design a town house which was coordinated into a row under one guiding hand. Nothing is overworked or overstated, detailing is crisp and windows, shop fronts and cornice lines constantly varied from

house to house. This is welcome if only because in the exhibition as a whole the classicists are showing a tendency to become as fixated with the work of Boullée, Ledoux and Schinkel as modernists have ever been with Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe and Frank Lloyd Wright, or Foster, Rogers and Stirling. There is little prospect that the exhibition will travel but it is accompanied by a handsome catalogue published by Alinea Editrice of Florence.

● A Vision of Europe is on show at S. Giorgio in Poggiale, Vid Nazario Sauro, Bologna, until November 1.

Mozart's music in lost palaces

The Villa Pisani at Bagnolo di in aid of the UN Decade of the Lonigo, near Vicenza, would hardly top anybody's list of Palladio villas to be seen. It is an early work by the 16th century Italian architect, quite humble and rustic. Apparently he had to incorporate some remains of a ruined castello on the riverside site, and was not satisfied with the result. having an unused variant of the design engraved for his collected works. Moreover, the house is now separated from the river by raised flood defences and a newer boundary wall, so that the entrance façade is hemmed in and the only approach is from the landward side towards the back entrance.

All the same, it is a fascinating building, not least because it has never been open to the public. It has remained in the Pisani family from the time it was built (in stages between 1542 and 1569) up to its present owner, the Marchesa Lepri. The house was semi-derelict before the long process of restoration

began about ten years ago, financed by the Venezia Congressi (a government heritage fund) and the family, and all carried out according to the methods of building and finishing used in Palladio's day. Now that restoration is complete.

the villa seemed the perfect candidate for the second occasion in the United Nations' project of rediscovering "The Lost Palaces of Europe". Last year, the first charity concert was given in St Petersburg. in the Tsar's Palace section of the Hermitage, closed to the public since the Russian Revolution.

This year's fund-raising concert. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Disabled, was given by the Interpreti Veneziani, a chamber orchestra of 14 young players associated with the Fenice Opera House, conducted by Paolo Cognolato, with Andrea Cappelletti as soloist in Mozart's Fifth Violin Concerto, and the baritone Maurizio Muraro as the explosive Maestro di Cappella in Cimarosa's comical interlude.

il performers made the most A of the surprisingly good acoustics in Palladio's curious, faintly cruciform central space. Television cameras were there recording the occasion, and it was notable that during the more soulful moments the director tended to pan towards the ceiling and its mural of the Fall of Icarus. This may not have the desired effect, since, looking much more worn than their 400-odd years would warrant, the paintings must always have been all too evidently the work of a woeful journeyman.

Now that the villa has been relaunched on the tourist circuit and the UN projects for the disabled have benefited, one wonders what next?

The Villa Pisani will be available for concerts, conferences and the like, as well as being added to the list of places Palladio tours will want to visit. As it is earlier than most, and a good introduction to a Palladio just beginning to stretch his architectural wings, it is likely to prove a welcome retrieval.

Diane Hill visits a Paris exhibition that drags cigarette packaging into the 1990s

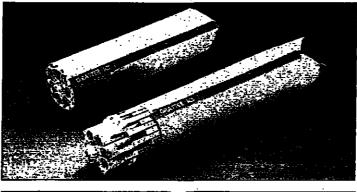
Designed to go up in smoke

ot since the introduction in the 1950s of the flip-top pack, has cigarette packaging been the subject of such a design revolution as is currently smouldering in Paris. The agitators behind this attempt

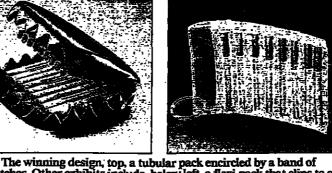
to overthrow the familiar rectangular box are the Musée des Arts Décoratifs and the Musée de la Publicité together with SEITA — France's nationalised tobacco industry. Under the rallying cry of Mettez le Paquet (a punning "give your all"), the Musée des Arts Décoratifs launched a national competition, inciting créateurs from all walks of design to invent a new way of packaging cigarettes "adapted to our present day life-styles", suitable for standard size cigarettes and for cheap, mass production.

Some sixty industrial designers and architects entered. These were whittled down to thirty by a jury presided over by the French design guru Philippe Starck, who coined the event's cryptic sub-title Quitte d partir en fumée, avons du panache, which can be translated as "even if it entails going up in smoke do it with panache

And panache is what the selected designs certainly have. First, they oust the idea that cigarettes must be sold in packs of tens and twenties. Gaellic Le Guillerm's winning design slides eight cigarettes into a beautifully styled, palm-sized tube with an ingenious tab opening which is encircled by a coronet of tear-off safety matches, struck on a built-in strip. For M. Le Guillerm, aged 25, an interior designer who set up his own general design



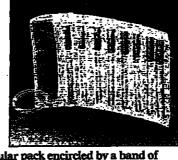




matches. Other exhibits include, below left, a flexi-pack that clips to a belt and a box that snaps shut when anyone tries to take a cigarette

studio in 1990, the win means FFr30,000 prize money and the strong possibility that his design will go into production.

Jean-Michel Policar's pack of three, which sits snugly in a holster that hooks over the ear, has limited commercial appeal but its ingenuity won the jury's coup de coeur and FFr10,000 francs. M. Policar, a 22-year-old design student and



non-smoker, says he got the idea from his habit of sticking pencils behind his ear.

There is however no reason why some of the other ideas should not be taken up by a cigarette company. The long strips of cigarettes, vacu-um packed like pills, designed by Françoise Perfettini, an architect, and Pierre Verger, a designer, have commercial flair, as does the work

design student. She created flexi-plastic packs each holding eight cigarettes, that can be attached to a belt. The architect Olivier Védrine's single cigarettes, displayed in trans-parent tubes topped with a three-dimensional replica of the manufacturer's trademark, are potential collectors' items.

Many of the designs have builtin devices for keeping tabs on cigarette consumption, ranging from numbering every cigarette, to sectioning a pack of twelve into four tear-off packs of three. In one design, a pair of jaws which snap shut on the fingers overtly discour-ages the taking a cigarette. For smokers in France, where laws are shortly to come into force that ban smoking in many public places and demand that restaurants and cafés have non-smoking areas, these are

useful devices.

All thirty projects are on display at the Musee des Arts Décoratifs, backed up by a SEITA exhibition of tobacco through the ages, which reminds us that in 1556 Jean Nicot was extolling its medical virtues.

However, the most forceful comment is made by the designer Stef-

ano Poletti, with a simple geo-metric, white packet, richly lined in purple. The sophisticated blackbanded cigarettes lie wreathed in matches. So elegant is the design, so exquisite its execution, that its sheer beauty makes it a desirable object. The realisation that it is a coffin comes slowly but surely and the dedication "to Beatrice, my beloved" takes on new meaning. Mettez le Paquet runs until December
 Smoking is not allowed.

the Swiss Post-Impressionist Félix Vallotton is on show in Amsterdam - the largest retrospective of his art ever assembled outside Switzer-land. Paris-trained, Vallotton first exhibited his work in 1885 but only acquired widespread acclaim for his black and white woodcuts in 1891. This exhibition comprises a hundred paintings and 50 works on paper including the woodcuts. Van Gogh Museum (third iloor). Paulus Potterstraat 7 (010 3120 5705200). Until Nov 1.

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Théâtre National Comm Française de Belgique, Centre Rogier (010 322 2170303).

BRUSSELS: The Brussels Philharmonic Society programme of October concerts features the Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Nicholas Harnoncourt playing Beethoven, Schumann and Haydn (Oct 16); the well-known partnership of Andre De Groote, plane, and Eviane Spanoghe, cello, plays sometas by Enescu, Britten and Shostakovich (Oct 19); Yehudi Menuhin directs three musical ensembles and four soloists in a gala concert to celebrate the inauguration of the International Menuhin Association for children (Oct 21); Elisabeth Leonskaya. piano, and Philippe Hirschhorn, violin, play sonatas by Beethoven (Oct 26); and the Kuijken Quartet play quartets by Mozart and Haydn (Oct 31).

Henry Le Boeuf Concert Hall, 23 rue Ravenstein (Information: 010 322 507 8410/8200).

• FERRARA: The music of Brahms dominates a series of concerts given by the Chamber Orchestra of Europe during a short residency at the Teatro Comunale during November. An all-Brahms concert conducted by Ivan Fischer opens the series on November 3 (with Peter Donohoe the soloist in the Piano Concerto for pianoforte and orchestra). There are further concerts on November 6, 7, 9, 12. Information: Ferrara Musica, Corso Giovecca, 38-44100 Ferrara (010 39532 202220).

● PARIS: A co-production between Opéra Comique and the Massenet Festival of Massenet's opera Esclarmonde receives an airing in Paris following its Festival premiere. Anna Maria Gonzales and Denia Mazzola will share the role of Esclarmonde: Patrick Fournillier conducts.

Opéra Consigue, 5 rue Favart, 75200 Paris (010 331 42961220). Nov 18, 20, 21, 22, 25-28.

● PARIS: The autumn season of Spanish and Latin American drama at the Odéon is rounded off with Lope de Vega's Le Chevalier d'Olmedo, a "cloak-and-dagger" play of the Spanish Golden Age, in a new French translation by the poet Zeno Blanu.

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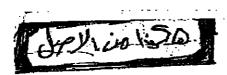
PARIS: Opening tomorrow is a new production of *La Bayadère* by l'Opéra de Paris with choreography by Rudolf Nureyev after Marius Petipa. The ballet is set in a fantastical India and revolves amund a temple dancer a havaaround a temple dancer, a baya-dère, loved by a warrior who is pledged to the jealous daughter of a rajah.

Opéra de Paris Garmier, 8 rue Scribe (010 331 47425371). To-morrow. Fri, Oct 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31.

● VIENNA: Peter Wood produces a new staging of the Verdi opera Macbeth for Vienna State Opera. with designs by Carl Toms. Renato Bruson sings Macbeth and Mara

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Up sticks and at 'em: sex war is simmering in an unlikely quarter. Oliver Bennett reports on female penetration of a male dancing cabal







Leading the traditionalists a dance around the villages of Britain: more than 1,000 women have taken up morris, despite the view of objectors that it has its roots in pagan fertility rites, and females might be spoiling the magic

Can a woman be a morris man?

orris dancing is an odd affair that arouses a mixed public response somewhere between contempt and admiration. The writer Arnold Bax wrote in Farewell to My Youth that "one should try everything once, except incest and folk-dancing". But that has not deterred an ever-

increasing number of women from joining and starting morris "sides", as the teams are known. Instead of accepting the female converts, however, many men in the morns fraternity resent this female

Behind the rattling bells, banging sticks and rustic pleasantness of morris, there is an ongoing skirmish in the sex war.

Though the women are gaining ground, some morris men still refuse to dance if there are women morris dancers around, and repudiate the female right to dance. "If there's women dancing, it's not morris," is the atavistic phrase that tends to be muttered. That attitude has stuck to the Morris Ring, which is the largest morris dance organisGarrick Club and the Magic Circle, one of a dying breed of male only institutions in Britain

Jill Rowan, a 39-year-old screen printer and morris dancer for 20 years, said: "I suppose that tradi-tionally morris has been a male dance, and some have argued that it is a dance geared to the male body, in that it is perceived to be virile and muscular. A lot of objectors think it has its roots in the

dance, we'll split the organisation down the middle," says Chas Arnold, of the Morris Ring, "It's a minefield. In the early 20th century pagan fertility rites, and that if women dance it spoils the magic." To counteract these entrenched it was felt that morris dance was an altitudes, a group of women dancers formed the Women's Morris ancient fertility rite and could therefore only be done by men, and Federation in 1976, which since the early 1980s has been called the the Morris Ring was set up in that Morris Federation. Along with the Morris Ring and a more informal group called Open Morris, they Morris history, and the sex issue in particular, causes much disagreement but among several make up the three main morris regional variations, there are spe-

groups in the country. Of the three,

Garland Dance and the Faggot Morris Ring is the most traditional; the federatin is quite academic and the Open Morris Group is more

Though the Morris Ring is about having fun. Some are relucstrictly male, it does not have a tant to focus on women's morris, policy on women members. because they don't want to bring They're happy with the federation the stain of sexual politics into their set-up," Mr Arnold says. favourite activity. But there is no However, when the Women's doubt that some aspects of morris

Morris Federation became the Morris Federation, many men began to feel uncomfortable in the male-only Morris Ring and the organisation is now composed of both sexes.

Though women dancers have found it difficult to penetrate the male morris cabal, their interest has revitalised the dance. Sally Wearing, a health and safety engineer and president of the Morris Federation, says: "We origi-nally started in 1975 just for women. We needed support for each other. In the early 1970s cial women's pieces such as the many women started to dance, and

the rise is still continuing. Women are good at it, they enjoy it and it is great fun." The federation is now flourishing, according to Ms Wearing, and now, with this year's dancing season coming to an end, there are well over 1,000 women morris dancers in the country, many of whom are on its cards.

owadays morris dance tends to be middle class, largely attracting professionals, such as teachers. But before this century, it is thought to have been a male, working class and often solo pursuit. The first records of it date from around the 15th century, though many think it dates back to pagan Albion.

Contemporary history of morris dance usually starts with folk historian and collector Cecil Sharp's famous 1899 discovery of morris dancers led by William Kimber in Headington, Oxford. but a woman may have been crucial to its survival. Malcolm Taylor, the librarian at The English Folk Song and Dance Society at Cecil Sharp House in north London, believes that morris may not be around today if it was not for a philanthropist called Mary Neal.

"Sharp was keen on notating the music, but Neal promoted the dance side and recorded the steps," he says. "In the 1960s and 1970s, women's sides began to form and Mary Neal was an important figure in that."

Between the wars, morns was still taught in school, and many older people remember dancing. Then everybody stopped doing things together," Ms Rowan says. "Our generation came along and said we want a bit of real fun with real people."

Morris came back and mush-

main trade unions have called

for a four-hour general stroke

next Tuesday. "There has to be a general strike," she says.

Signora Callini belongs to a

small new militant union

grouping, COBA, which cam-

paigns on greater democracy

Spending cuts, she says, will

worsen the lot of Italian

women. "The problem of

managing the family has not

changed in many years. Now

they are increasing the num-

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for workers within unions.

roomed, at the same time as the rediscovery in the late 1960s and 1970s of other traditional things such as real ale and local festivals. Dorothy Monks, of the Open Morris Group, says: "The more women there are the better. I think most men accept that women dance now, and the more hidebound ones are leaving morris because they are getting too old. The women enjoy it and the social life is good. Morris is now a living

As far as Jill Rowan is concerned, the pleasure of women's morris is worth all the antipathy from the more fogey elements, and helps to prevent morris dance from becoming fossilised.

Once you get involved with morris it becomes your social life." she says. "It's taken up most of my leisure time for 15 years. It's supposed to be magical, and as far as I'm concerned, it is magic. But if it is to be a living tradition, as we prefer to think it is, then it has to keep on changing."

Italy's unrepentant revolutionary



Fighting talk: Emilia Callini has become a national symbol of fiery trade union anger

Italy to the tough being introduced by Callini has juggled her roles as car factory worker, strike activist and MP to become a national symbol of fiery trade

Voters in the general elec-tion in April gave Signora Callini a parliamentary seat for the hard-line Rifondazione Communista (Communist Refoundation) party with 2,400 votes in the working-class con-

stituency of Milan, Pavia.
"I didn't think I would be elected," Signora Callini, 36, said at her office in the Montecitorio parliament building. "We communists of Alfa Romeo used to stand for the Chamber of Deputies as a demonstration of the popular struggle. I campaigned for a vote against Flat (which acquired Alfa Romeo in 1986]. My election was a surprise for

Signora Callini was born in the town of Lignano on the outskirts of Milan, the daughter of a foreman "who was not interested in politics" and a mother who was a fervent member of the Italian communist party. She began work with Alfa Romeo when she was 18. At the end of her shift, she went to night school and obtained a diploma in business studies.

She began studying for a degree in political science at Milan University but dropped out. "It was too hard on my life. I decided to work full time in the union and politics," she says. Signora Callini has made Emilia Callini, Italian communist MP and car factory worker, is stirring protest against enforced austerity

Deputies by adopting the tactics of a shop steward. "I took a photocopy of a Fiat pay packet and distributed it in the assemthat car workers earn only 1,400,000 lire (£674) a month. I was called by the Speaker and reprimanded."

Last week Signora Callini was at the head of tens of thousands of workers march-ing through Milan to protest against the austere budget drawn up by the government. Many of the protesters also denounced an historic agreement in July between trade unions, employers and the government abolishing the Scala Mobile, a wage index that economists said had contributed to inflation for 47

Proposed government cuts in welfare and pension spend-ing make her spit fire. "What this government is doing is to make those Italians pay who always have paid, without touching the big incomes," she says. "It is true that pensions such as 'baby pensions' (a scheme whereby state employ-ees sometimes retire in their 40s] need reforming. But this government is incapable of ensible reform.

Signora Callini finds most abominable the proposed swingeing cuts to be made by the cabinet of the prime minister, Giuliano Amato, in the health service. These would end free medical care for everyone with incomes of 40 million lire a year (£19,000), subject to allowances for family size. "It is shameful that a family must decide at the first symptom of a sick child if they can afford to send him to the doctor or not."

The prospect of health cuts touches Signora Callini personally. She has a two-year-old son, Masimiliano. "He stays with my husband Renzo at Lignano during the week when I come to parliament in Rome. An aunt helps us out." Her husband is a militant trade union activist on the

assembly line at the Alfa plant. He has been sacked and reinstated eight times. "He is not the only one," she says. Her election to parliament has led to a battle with her employers to keep her job. "I

made a request to work one day a week at Alfa. Every week I still go to the factory and present myself to the workers. At the beginning the firm seemed very agreeable to the idea verbally. But then they sent me a letter in which the firm refused to let me work one day a week. They said at the end of my mandate I will be laid off. Certainly they see my presence as a disturbance."

Her party. Rifondazione Communista, was founded as a hardline Marxist breakaway grouping from the old Italian Communist Party (PCI) and another left-wing grouping. Proletarian Democracy 1991. The bulk of the PCI decided to abandon Marxism altogether and formed the

work to obtain a pension. There are many women today who work as shop assistants or factory workers. Their choice is not for personal gratification. It is to supplement the salary Signora Callini vehemently of their companion. Now rejects the suggestion that the women will have to stay at work for more long years, in collapse of communism in eastern Europe means that many cases in slave like condicommunist values have no tions, and then go home to relevance. As parliament bework as housewives. Signora Callini admits that gins examining the austerity budget, she sees more industrial action as inevitable. The

playing so many roles, as wife, mother, trade unionist and MP has left her sometimes wondering if she has not sold

"I try to reconcile important choices of life with politics, which is the most difficult thing for a wife. I try to reconcile my life with my companion and my son with my right to be in politics. Certainly I am losing the most beautiful years with my son. I am trying. Perhaps I am not

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Jane Mills found real "sisterhood" only after her own sister, and lifelong competitor, was murdered

ate one Sunday night in July the phone woke me up. I groaned; no doubt my sister Carolyn had timed yet another crisis to cause me maximum inconvenience. This time I'd tell her firmly to call me at a civilised hour.

I never got the chance to put the phone down on her. The call was to tell me her body had been found in an orchard in her South Yorkshire village. She had been raped and murdered.

I replaced the receiver and roamed the house screaming. This wasn't like the death of my parents, when I felt numbed by absence and loss. I experienced Carolyn's violent death as physical pain.

And yet we were not the closest of sisters. We had spent our childhood locked in sibling rivalry. She was the one person above all others I knew I wanted to be different from. It was possibly the only thing on which we agreed. We kicked up a huge fuss when forced into identical frocks. The worst thing in the world for me was to be made to wear clothes she had grown out of.

This rivalry and the determination to deny all experiences and tastes we might have in common, persisted in adult-

hood. My mother caused much more than annoyance when she confused our voices on the phone. For most of our adult life Carolyn and I barely spoke to each other.

About three years ago I discovered Carolyn was going through difficult times but wasn't able to tell me herself. I felt extraordinarily hurt. And ashamed.

Where Carolyn and I trod. other sisters have gone before. Christina Rossetti was torn in two. Dedicating Goblin Market to her sister she idealised the relationship: "For there is no friend like a sister/In calm or stormy weather". But in Sister Maude, she consigned her denigrated sibling to hell: "But sister Maude, oh sister Maude/Bide you with death and sin".

Not even Simone de Beauvoir was immune. In childhood games she always cast herself as a saint or martyr and her younger sister, Helene, as the mean torturer.

I know this ambivalence well. It was a tension that Carolyn and I had tried to dissolve in recent months. But it was not easy. We both felt. too threatened by any possible sameness. Our very last phone-call ended in an abin memory of Carolyn



Early rivals: sisters Jane (left), Carolyn (right) and Ruth

surdly childish dispute about whether Don Giovanni was better than The Marriage of Figuro. We were incapable of celebrating a mutual love of Mozart.

Since my sister was murdered, my women friends have looked after me in ways that Carolyn and I never learnt to do for each other. They got me drunk and sobered me up.

indulged my sudden chocolate addiction then pushed me off to the gym, they laughed at my black humour and they cried with me, they let me alone but never let me be lonely, they lent me their beds, houses, cars

and dothes. Above all, my "chosen" sisters shared with me the searing images I had of Carolyn's death culled from countless misogynistic movies which aim to gross millions by portraying male sexual violence as titillating entertainment. I don't know a woman who is not invaded by these images when we read in the papers of a woman who died as Carolyn

I probably have a larger repertoire than most since I once made a documentary for BBC's Omnibus programme on the subject. My research involved viewing over 200 movies in which the camera lovingly closes in on the terrorised face of the female rape and murder victim. I commissioned a script about rape which was filmed in two ways. The same story delivered one film in which it was turned into a sexually exciting specta-cle and another in which it was depicted as the violent act it truly is. It exposed the truths behind the myths about sexual violence constantly reinforced in popular cinema.

These myths emerged in the days immediately after Carolyn was raped and murdered. What exactly was a 49-yearold divorcee (read adventuress) doing walking home alone (read wayward) at one o'clock in the morning? (Only witches, bats and prostitutes come out

at night.) Having been to a wedding party (read drunk) what else could an unattached (read scarlet) woman expect? And, like all female victims of sexual violence, she was "attractive" - has a murdered man ever been described as "handsome"? The innuendoes were implicit in all the tabloid newspaper reports. Her right to independence and to a safe walk home were not mentioned.

A week later a local man gave himself up. I got comfort from the fact that, unlike most women Carolyn, had been murdered by a complete stranger. A few days earlier I had heard the police officer in charge of the murder hunt say no woman was safe until he was caught. I stopped inspecting the face of every man I saw for signs of possible guilt. But I don't feel safe.

Some years ago I was at-tacked as I walked home alone late one night. I was lucky. My attacker failed to rape or murder me. That night I learnt that however much I wanted to reclaim the night it was not something a woman could do on her own. I never got round to sharing this

knowledge with Carolyn.

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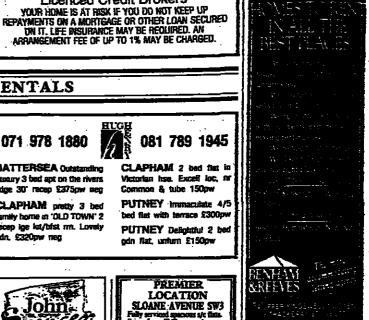
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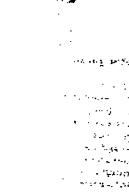
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Chewing over the chance of price rises

Five experts in one room can't be wrong — or

can they? Rachel Kelly

reports

ake an estate agent, a lender, an analyst, a builder and an academic all leaders in their fields. Put them round a table and ask them what every homeowner wants to know, more than ever after the recent turmoil in interest rates and a further drop in house prices: when may prices start rising again, and what pattern will the rises take? Will a house once again become the best investment anybody can-

The Times did just that. The panel, at a seminar at Hambros Bank, consisted of: Harry Hill, the managing director of one of the UK's largest estate agency chains, Hambro Countrywide; Adrian Coles, the head of external relations at the Council of Mortgage Lenders, John Wriglesworth, a housing analyst from UBS Phillips & Drew David Holland, Wimpey Homes chief executive and Christine Whitehead, from the economics department at the London School of Economics. The aim was to take a broad look at the housing market, past and present, not to assess its daily changes. Reproducing the views of panel members inevitably requires generalisations and a need o gloss over individual differences the interests of reaching some kind of conclusion.

However, those involved commercially with property, such as Mr Holland and Mr Hill, are making prognostications whose accuracy will determine the success of their businesses. Others, such as Dr. Wriglesworth, depend for their livelihoods on the truth of their predictions. All have a deep know-ledge of the market, often at the sharp commercial end, which informs their judgments.

Prices, the panel members concluded, will start creeping up in nominal terms next year, but by too little to beat inflation. Only in 1994 will house prices once again outperform inflation.



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ing is relatively expensive, despite

the recent fall in interest rates. If

you buy a house for £100,000 with

a 100 per cent mortgage, you are paying £9,000 a year in interest

payments, with no increase in the

People were piling into the market in the 1980s who should

never have bought houses or flats in

the first place," Mr Hill said.

Typically, they were young single

people, perhaps two shorthand typists who worked in the same

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booms and busts, but the cycles will be less violent than in the late 1980s. Prices will never go up at 25 or 30 per cent a year. Rather, the gentler cycles of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s will return. House purchase will still be a sensible investment, though no longer necessarily the best and only one. For the first time, house-buying faces stiff competition from other invest-

These were their conclusions. More interesting is the reasoning behind the views. The thrust was that the late 1980s cycle was abnormal and we shall never have a housing market like it again. Instead we shall return to the housing market we have known in the past, with one difference: that we now have relatively low inflation and the government is committed to keeping it that way, whether or not we are in the exchange-rate mechanism.

Lenders made the 1980s price rises possible with unprecedentedly generous loans: 30 per cent of mortgages in 1988 were 100 per cent loans. Lenders were swept

prices could only go up. For the first time they were also competing with banks to lend because of financial deregulation. The combination of banks and building societies bend-ing over backwards to lend flooded the market with cash for borrowers. Now lenders are returning to demanding a deposit of at least 5 per cent of the price.

The 1980s also bred a new type of buyer to mop up the money waiting to be borrowed — younger than ever and more interested in making a quick buck than in buying a home. Who could blame these entrepreneurs when profits were to be made by borrowing as prices continued rising?
Grossly simplified, if in the late

1980s you bought a £100,000 house with a 100 per cent mortgage, you could borrow at 10 per cent, but the value of your house was rising by 20 per cent a year. At the end of the first year you therefore made a straight profit of 10 per cent of the initial value of your house, or £10,000, from an investment of practically nothing. The more you borrowed, the more, orm inflation.

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Thereafter, there will be more practically everybody else, that who could borrow, did in a frantic says people will never buy these

properties in such quantities again, but will return to buying houses when they are slightly older.

in the late 1980s. A buyer might have been paying for a property costing five times his salary. Yet the traditional sensible loan is about three times a buyer's salary. "Affordability levels measured by

with income was also extraordinary

looking at incomes in relation to house prices are back to normal levels, of roughly house prices equal to three times income," Wriglesworth said. A new type of buyer, borrowing

more than ever on a new type of property, symbolised the 1980s. The speculative motive for buying houses in the 1980s, so crucial to the price rises, will never be so attractive again.

In part, this is because other investments are competing with housing. Dr Wriglesworth said. Housing is no longer so attractive when interest rates are high - even if at 9 per cent they are lower than before - but price rises are also low, making the real cost of borrowing expensive. The subsidy through tax relief on mortgage interest is worth

less now, and its value will continue to decline. The government no longer links such tax relief to inflation, fixing £30,000 as the amount on which tax relief is

High interest rates make investing money in a building society attractive. "Returns are high and attractive if you invest in Peps or Tessas or a building society or in a business expansion scheme," Dr Wriglesworth said. "If investment in housing was a motive in the past, it is now a reduced incentive."

Low inflation does not always mean low prices. Japan, with the world's lowest inflation, has high prices, but that is because of limited land supply. However, low inflation generally means lower price rises, the panel concluded, but prices will not jog along in a straight line above inflation. Dr Wriglesworth said: "Cycles will carry on, as in the past. With the worst recession since the second world war, the correction could be huge. I predict a mini-boom in 1994."

Cycles will continue because the housing supply can never react quickly enough to demand. Projections of household formation show that demand will continue to rise. Housing will no longer shine as an investment, but its appeal will remain. Housing will be for nesting, not investing. Here lies the relevance of Dr Wriglesworth's "baby boom" recovery theory of the

The 1964 baby boom, when more than a million babies were born, means that a new generation of families will soon start forming. In turn, these families will embrace homeownership for the first time. having delayed buying during the past four years.

When these families start to have children, the disadvantages of renting property will become apparent. Families are more frightened of being thrown out," Dr Wriglesworth said. "The desire to decorate, garden and settle all come with a family and all require a home of

According to every market research survey, homeownership is still the most popular form of tenure, in part dictated by the UK's housing stock. This is conducive to ownership because it is made up of individual units. In Hong Kong, by contrast, the preponderance of office blocks means low homeownership levels.

r Whitehead said: "If demand picks up we shall not be able to provide the additional housing, especially as the overhang says we do not need it. Therefore, we have still got a worry about inflation, unless we start to build more houses, which the building industry finds extraordinarily diffi-

cult to do." That, Mr Holland explained, is to do with land supply. "There is no cohesive policy at a national level." he said. "Demand outstrips supply regionally, which pushes

House price inflation will remain, causing cycles. The time in the cycle when you buy the house will still determine whether you make money. Buy when prices are at their peak and you are likely to lose in the short term, but if you wait long enough, your invest-ment will pay off in the long

The real losers are those who bought at the height of the boom. Their losses are painful and real, because we can no longer rely on high inflation levels to push up prices sufficiently for years to come to allow them to recover their

When a new house starts to crumble

Owners on a recently built

estate are

questioning the

value of the

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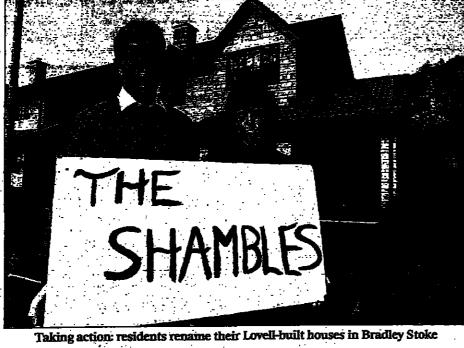
Bristol, that they have also erected makeshift signs outside their homes to reflect the poor standards to which they allege the houses were built and to drum up publicity for their plight. Instead of the usual signs for "Fairview" or "Fernside", cardboard signs for "Crumbly Cottage", "The Shambles", and "Faulty Towers" are on display at a development of detached three and four-bedroom executive houses at Chessel Close, built by Lovell Homes.

Residents of a number of the £100,000 homes allege that the houses were built with defective mortar, which has now crumbled. The walls are cracked and in danger of collapse, say members of the Chessel Close Residents Association, formed this year. Duncan Westlake, from the

association says: "Groups of us are now picketing some of the companies' 78 sites round the country at weekends to per-suade Lovell Homes to deal with the residents of Chessel Close fairly." The houses were built three

years ago, with cement mix containing six times more sand than should have been used, say the residents, who discovered the faults last December. Mr Westlake szys: You can push a screwdriver through some of the walls. They are like sandcastles." Surveyors have found up to 100 defects in some houses, including foundations as much as three feet too shallow. Lovell counters that the surveyors used by the residents were

On the residents' behalf, solicitors issued proceedings



against Lovell in January, but settlement has been reached. Lovell says it has made offers to some residents, including the repair and phased repurchase of the properties. A spokeswoman says: We have obtained reports from the best technical experts on the allegations that have been made in the proceedings. Advice from those experts differs significantly from the views being expressed by the surveyors employed by the residents. We

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required by regulations." Lovell has already rehoused the residents of 17 houses in Kites Close, a phase of the same development built at the same time, after a garden wall. collapsed at one home and cracks and holes appeared in

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the others. If the residents' allegations are proved the case makes worrying reading. The advantage of buying new, as a thousand developers will tell you, is that new houses do not

crimble. And if they do, then the National House Building Council (NHBC) exists to underpin consumer protection and self-regulate the house building industry.

The NHBC issues a certificate with every new home which certifies that building regulations have been met and issues a ten-year warranty in case problems should develop. Mr Westlake has nothing but contempt for the NHBC. "The NHBC ten-year guaran-

tee only works if the house literally falls Our homes. have been subject to premature cracks appearing. They are not going to fall down immediately. but may well

do so after the ten-year guarantee has expired." Instead, residents have been forced to resort to legal action. An NHBC representative

reported a year ago that the houses required a repoint or were of adequate construction. This was based on the NHBC's own evaluation of the mortar, supported, it says, by an independent analysis. Yet the residents' own survey (the NHBC did a visual

inspection) revealed that some of the houses needed total rebuilding. The NHBC says its investigation team were "thoroughly experienced and competent, including a build-er and chartered engineer. and the results were checked by a chartered surveyor.

"We've lost faith in the NHBC," Mr Westlake says. "Not only did its inspector not reveal the extent of the damage to the house, but its own building regulations were not adhered to in the first place, even though we were given an NHBC certificate."

Basil Bean, the NHBC's chief executive, says "Our investigations have been carried out in an impartial and professional manner. They have independent verification. The remedial work which we have proposed is based on those findings. But our efforts to help the residents have been frustrated by their unwillingness to hand over their surveyor's reports and by delays caused by their professional advisers

Much depends upon the outcome of the case: should the public have faith in the NHBC and self-regulation? If there are problems with a new home, will the NHBC rectify them? Will an Englishman's new home once again be his

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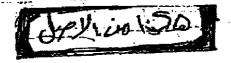
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cases regarded as typical of various

sub-groups which comprised the

remaining cases, an interlocutory order giving directions that any

costs which were ordered to be paid by, or which fell to be borne

by any plaintiff, should be paid o:

borne proportionately by each of the plaintiffs, so that each plaintiff

should bear an equal part, did not

justify an order by the trial judge restricting a successful plaintiff to a

small proportion instead of the

The Court of Appeal so held in

allowing an appeal by Mr Timo-thy Edward Cockburn against an order made by Mr Justice Hidden

on April 12, 1991, awarding him

1/338th of his costs in a successful

action against the defendants aris-ing out of the ill-effects of taking

Mr Daniel Brennan, QC, Mr Augustus Ullstein, QC and Miss Selina Parkes for Mr Cockburn; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC, Mr

Andrew Prynne and Mr Charles A. W. Gibson for Eli Lilly and Co.

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giving the judgment of the court, said that Mr Cockburn was the

only so-called lead case to succeed.

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Indictment capable of amendment

Regina v Tyler and Others Before Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Rougier (Judgment August 14)

A count in an indictment which charged that a defendant and others had "used or threatened" unlawful violence contrary to the offence of riot in section 1(1) of the Public Order Act 1986 was defecrive, but the indictment was not a nullity and was capable of

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing appeals against convictions on March 6 at Norwich Crown Court (Judge Binns and a jury) of Patrick John Tyler on one count of violent disorder contrary to section 2(1) of the 1986 Act and Terry Peter Frost and Andrew Hester on one count each of riot. The court also heard appeals against sentence by those defendants and Christine Hammen, who had been convicted on one count of violent

Mr Ian Jobling for Tyler, Mr Charles Burton for Frost, Mr Brian Reece for Hester and Mr Stephen Kamlish for Hammett, all counsel assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals: Mr David Stokes, QC and Mr Julian Christopher for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE FAR-

is guilty of riot.
The indictmen

QUHARSON, giving the judg-ment of the court, said that the which had occurred during a demonstration in Colchester on March 17, 1990 against the imposition of the community

Mr Burton submitted that the indictment on which all the defen-dants had been arraigned was fundamentally defective and therefore a multity.

The particulars of offence in the count of riot were: "[The named defendants]... together with 11 or more other persons being present together used or threatened unlawful violence for a common purpose and the conduct of them (taken together) was such as would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at the scene to fear for his

The offence in section 1(1) of the 1986 Act was: "Where 12 or more persons who are present together use or threaten unlawful violence for a common purpose and the conduct of them (taken together) is such as would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at the scene to fear for his personal safety, each of the persons using unlawful violence for the common purpose

least defective because for a person McVirie ([1960] 2 QB 483), where

to be guilty of not it had to be proved that he or she used unlaw-ful violence for the common purpose, whereas the particulars of offence were cast in wider terms, alleging that the accused "used or threatened" unlawful violence.

The words "use or threaten" appeared in section 1(1), but only in the context of the behaviour of the 12 or more persons.

If the indictment was so defec-tive as to be a nullity, it was a lity from the outset and there would have been a mistrial. When the point was taken at the

trial, at the conclusion of the case for the Crown, counsel for the Crown sought and obtained leave to amend the indictment so that it alleged that the accused had only "used" violence. Mr Burton now submitted, inter

alia, that the indictment was invalid from the outset in that it alleged an offence unknown to the law and that the defect was fundamental and could not be corrected by amendment. He relied on R v Lamb (Thomas) (1968) 1 WLR 1946), and R v Gaston ((1981) 73 Cr App R 164) where it was held that a count of

"attempted rape per anum" al-leged an offence which did not exist in law.

The Crown relied on R v the indictment was defective because the particulars of offence in a count alleging an offence contrary to section 4(1) of the Explosive Substances Act 1883 did not include the word "knowingly".

The court there, rejecting the argument that the indictment was a nullity, held that it was merely defective in that it described a known offence with incomplete pareculars.

The court's task was to decide which line of authority was appropriate to the present case. The statement of offence clearly and accurately referred to riot.

The particulars disclosed the correct offence but widened its ambit to include "threaten" as well as the "use" of violence. That was not in the same category as alleging an offence which did not exist, as in Gaston; it was an imperfect description of one that

In those circumstances the defect was capable of amendment on the

basis laid down in McVitie.
It was conceded that Frost suffered no prejudice as a result of the amendment of the indictment. For those and other reasons the court dismissed Frost's appeal against conviction, and, for rea-sons given, dismissed the other appeals against conviction

risk of offenders serving substan-

The order giving directions had been made by Mr Justice Hirst on March 29, 1983 and dealt with the defendants. 11 It should be stressed, however,

It did not of course deal with, as such, whether an order for costs should be made inter partes and, if so, what that order ought to be. Its significance for the present issue was that the costs to be borne by the plaintiffs should be distributed among them, including those receiving legal aid, so that "each such plaintiff shall bear any equal part thereof

Hidden ordered as follows: "The order I shall make in relation to costs is an order ... in favour of each defendant against each un-successful plaintiff, limited to a proportion of 1/338th of the total costs . . . In relation to the plaintiff Mr Cockburn I shall make an order for costs ... against each defendant ... again as to a proportion of 1/338th of that figure." It was agreed that the ---- was agreed that the proper fraction should have been 1/337th.

that the order made was unjust in its effect and could not be justified

Nash and Others v Eli Lilly diple which could be derived from the nature of the litigation or from the original creer for each sharing and contribution. They regarded

the order as plainly wrong." Since Mr Justice Hidden had given no explanation, they were driven to suppose that he had accepted the submission made to him for the defendants that any other order would be contrary to the spirit of the group action. Their Lordships could see no ground for

that submission.

The original order for costs, providing contribution between plaintiffs, was not specifically directed to orders for costs in favour of plaintiffs. It was contemplated that the court would retain its ordinary unfertered discretion as to such costs, in the application of which the fact that the order would be made in proceedings within a group action, in which there was an effective contribution order between plaintiffs, would be a relevant fact to be had in mmd.

The purposes of the group action orders were apparently for the benefit of all plaintiffs comprised within the group and of the defendants and, as it seemed to

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their Lordships, of the public purse, in that the total cost to the legal aid fund would be reduced as would be the use of court time. There was, so far as the court

Plaintiff entitled to full costs

had been able to understand, no purpose to modify in any way the principle by reference to which orders for costs were made between the parties and, in particular, the discipline which was, or should be, provided by the rule that, in the absence of some reason to order otherwise, the party who caused costs to be incurred on a separately disputed issue would, if he last, be ordered to pay the costs of the other side on the issue.

The court saw no reason to doubt that it was intended that limitation could be raised in lead cases for the obtaining of decisions which would enable the parties to dispose of the whole of the group, one way or the other, so far as concerned limitation, but there was nothing to show that the discretion of the court, dealing with such issues, should be limited in any way as to costs.

There was no reason why it should be. If a case was put forward as a lead action for that

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purpose, and accepted as such. no reason had been put forward as to why the defendant should not be subjected to the ordinary disciplin of costs orders, if they contested a lead case which succeeded, they should, unless there was reason to order otherwise, pay the costs of

contesting the issue. Since Mr Cockburn had suc ceeded on the preliminary issue, and the court had seen fit to make an order for costs, the court was directed by Order 62, rule 3(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to order the costs to follow the event except when it appeared that, in the circumstances of the case, some other order should be made.

The circumstances of the case which persuaded Mr Justice Hid-den to make the order he did were that Mr Cockburn had succeeded in the issue in a group action in which an order for sharing the costs by the plaintiffs, with righ contribution, had been made.

In their Lordships judgment those circumstances could not jus-tify the order and it would be set

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New sentencing considerations

Practice Statement (Criminal instice Act (991)

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While sentencing judges had not hitherto had regard to questions of remission or parole, with the coming into effect of the Criminal stice Act 1991, it was necessary for them to have regard to the actual period likely to be served under the provisions of that Act. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) with lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice McCowan so stated in a practice statement on October 1. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

I Sections 32 to 40 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 came into force on October 1, 1992. They made radical changes with regard to sentences.

2 Remission was abolished. 3 Parole would affect only those sentenced to four years imprisonment and above.

4 Where the sentence of the court was less than four years, the secretary of state was under a duty to release the prisoner after he had served one half of his sentence. Thus, where the sentence was three vears, eighteen months would be

than would normally have been served before the new provisions came into force. Furthermore, on release the prisoner would in effect be subject to a continuing sus-

pended sentence.

If between his release and the end of the period covered by the original sentence, he committed any offence punishable by imprisonment, he would be liable to serve the balance of the original sentence outstanding at the date of

5 For determinate sentences of four years or longer the secretary of state would have a continuing but reduced element of discretion on release. Prisoners would be released on licence after serving two thirds of the sentence.

Whereas hitherto they became eligible for parole after serving one third of the sentence, they would not now become eligible until they had served half. The "at risk" ions following release would be the same for long term as for short term prisoners. 6 It was therefore vital for all

sentencers in the crown court to

realise that sentences on the old

scale would under the new Act result in many prisoners actually serving longer in custody than That was significantly longer 7 It had been an axiomatic

principle of sentencing policy until now that the court should decide the appropriate sentence in each case without reference to questions of remission or parole.

8 The Lord Justices presiding in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) had been consulted and it had been decided that a new

approach was essential.

9 Accordingly, from October 1,
1992, it would be necessary, when passing a custodial sentence in the crown court to have regard to the actual period likely to be served, and, as far as practicable, to the

tially longer under the new regime than would have been normal under the old. 10 Existing guideline judgments should be applied with those considerations in mind.

that having taken the above considerations into account, sentencers had, of course, to exercise their individual judgment as to the appropriate sentence to be passed and nothing in the practice statement was intended to restrict that independence.

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THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

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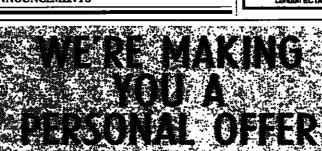
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10.00 News, regional news and weather (4791723) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (\$1 (2224804) 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set Animation (r) (1541200)

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3.50 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour (s) (2105255) 3.55 Radio Roo. Episode two of a 13-part consety drama stamng and written by Wayne Jackman (r) (s) (6979262) 4.10 Potsworth & Co. Animation (r) (1345484) 4.35 What's that Noise? The Tracy brothers visit musical Bath (s) (7620397)
5.00 Newsround (86555649) 5.05 Grange Hill. Drama serial set in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4771465)
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (200) 5.30 Regional News Magazines (552). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (9620)
7.30 Tomorrow's World Includes news of Nasa's multi-million dollar search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (736) 8.00 Trainer. Drama series set in the world of horse racing. Starring David McCallum, Susannah York, Mark Greenstreet and Patrick Ryecart. (Ceefax) (s) (921378)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (s) (809910) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6216)



Helping Nigerian women in prison: Olga Heaven (9.30pm)

9_30 Inside Story: Mules. CHOICE: The mules of Olivia Lichtenstein's documentary are Nigerian women who smuggle drugs into Britain and are often caught doing it. They make up one in five of the women in British prisons. The film takes a sympathetic view of vulnerable people forced by poverty into a shaming trade. It is prostitution in another guise. The punishment can be harsh, with prison sentences of up to 12 years. Unlike British prisoners they have no family visits, no home leave and no chance of parole. On release they face immediate deportation and further sentences at home. The film is based on a number of case histories, related by the victims. The pattern is similar. The husband has left or died, there are children to bring up and the chance of quick money is irresistible. Meanwhile the real criminals, the drugs barons, prove elusive. (Ceefax) (s)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Boxing: the Commonwealth featherweight title bout between Sunderland's Billy Hardy and Rick Rayner of Australia at the Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland; Football: the latest Premier league news; Rugby Union: highlights of the game between a Wales XV and Italy in Cardiff; Golf: a preview of the World Match Play (3714197) 11.50 Weather (428858). Ends at 11.55

2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (848069) 3.15 TV Edits (7222243). Ends at 4.00

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8.00 Breakfast News (4457113) 8.00 Breaktast News (4457113)
8.15 Made by Hand. The skills used in the making of hand-rolled Dutch cigars (4447736) 8.30 A Summer Journey: The Severn. Angela Rippon continues her journey and visits the Wildlife Trust at Slimbridge and Berkeley Castle (r) (77113)
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5.30 Kiszko. A documentary about the new evic Stefan Kiszko innocent of murder (129) 6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures (r). (Ceefax) (826378)

6.50 DEF II begins with Wayne's World. American cornedy series. (Ceefax) (569200). Wales: The Shetland Sessions 7.00 Rough Guides to Careers. A look at job opportunities connected with the

stage (153866) 7.40 The Shetland Sessions. The last in the series from the 1991 Shetland Folk Festival (s) (534129). Wales: 7.20-9.00 Rugby Union

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Curban Missile Crisis.
 CHOICE: A two-part special from the Timewatch stable reconstructs the most dangerous episode of the nuclear age. It has been told on television before but usually from the point of view of the United States. Jeremy Bennett's films claim to give a more rounded treatment, particularly by making use of recently released Soviet material. Bennett's thesis is that the events of October 1962, when the world came to the brink of war, largely stemmed from United States policy towards Castro's Cuba. The Americans could not countenance a communist on their doorstep and were determined to get rid of him. Hence the Bay of Pigs fiasco, which only succeeded in driving Castro into the arms of Nikita Khrushchev. The stationing of Soviet missiles on Cuban soil was a logical outcome. Part two will relate what happened next (918804) 9.00 M*A*S*H. A repeat of the first pilot episode (407842)



Haunted by his traumatic past: Anton Lesser, right (9.25pm)

9.25 Downtown Lagos.

CHOICE: A three-part drama features Anton Lesser as Mungo Dawson, an introverted English solicitor haunted by an unhappy childhood. He gets the rotten jobs at work and leads a lonely bachelor existence away from it. In nightmares he relives the bullying of his white hunter father (Frederick Treves), who ran a farm in Kenya. Leigh Jackson's scenario follows a leisurely path, as if determined not to give away too much too soon. But the hints are that Mungo will be shaken out of his settled but humdrum way of life and forced to exorcise the traumas of his past. The process is launched when instead of his usual shoplifting cases, he becomes involved in defending Nigerians accused of passing a forged cheque. Meanwhile he persuades an attractive barrister (Kitty Aldridge) to accompany him on a visit to his fearsome dad. (Ceefax)

10.20 Fifth Column. A personal view on a topical subject (673858) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (570200) 11.15 The Late Show (s) (346945) 11.55 Weather (345571)

12.00 Film: Rome, Open City (1946, b/w).

CHOICE: Roberto Rossellini's portrait of the Italian capital during the latter part of the second world war did more than any other film to launch the movement known as neo-realism. The main elements are location shooting, the use of non-professional actors (alongside established players such as Anna Magnani and Aldo Fabrizi), grainy camerawork and a narrative that refuses to smooth out its rough edges. The story combines two factual elements, the murder of a priest by the Germans and the Resistance activities of Roman children. The film was completed with difficulty as money ran out and Rossellini was forced to sell his furniture and dothes. It remains a moving account of the experiences of ordinary people, treated with documentary fidelity but bringing out the humanity and simple heroism beneath the surface of events (264885). Ends 1.45

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by national weather (4655200) 12.10 Allsorts. For children (r) (s) (7236804)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (6927571) 1.05 Thames News (77762864)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Oracle) (893692) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (243133)

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3.50 Bugs Bunny. Cantoon (2826133) 3.55 Rupert. Cantoon adventures of the hero of Nutwood (6231552) 4.20 Grotbags starring Carol Lee-Scott (s) (2920007) 4.40 Woof! The first of a new series of the contents about a low who chances into a decrease series of the contents about a low who chances into a decrease series of the contents about a low who chances into a decrease. new series of the comedy about a boy who changes into a dog. (Oracle) (s) (3997571)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers (4765804) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help (r) (609587)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (668)
6.30 Thames News (620)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting worthy (s) (7216) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (804)



Raising Caine: Michael guests for Des O'Connor (8.00pm)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. A new series begins with guests Michael Caine, Catherine Zeta Jones and Robert Palmer (s) (4533) 9.00 Film: Kaleidoscope (1990) starring Jaclyn Smith and Perry King. A

made-for-television drama, based on the novel by Danielle Steel about a private detective hired by a dying lawyer to trace three sisters whom he separated as children when they became orphans. Directed by Jud Taylor. Continues after the news (4397) 10.00 News at Ten with Carol Bames and John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

(76484) 10.30 Thames News (220858)

10.40 Film: Kaleidoscope continued (662620)

11.30 Hollywood Report. Showbiz gossip (271262)

12.00 Kojak. A detective keeps his terminal illness a secret as he single-mindedly goes in search of his partner's killer (r) (26084)

1.00 Film: Sicilian Cross (1976) staming Roger Moore and Stacy Keach.

Maña thriller about a fortune in heroin hidden in an 18th-century cross. Directed by Maurizio Lucidi (959408) 2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (72750)

3.15 Videofashion. Lingerie styles from around the world (53172750) 3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (44414866) 4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville, Tennessee (r) (24650717) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (22351224)

5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (17972) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (91205). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (82842) 7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Rosin 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby

9.30 Schools (290674)

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12.00 The Stars: The Secrets of the Sun. Heather Couper looks at the sun through a solar telescope (r). (Teletaxt) (73397)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (94194)
1.30 Eureeka's Castle. Music and cartoons for Children (r) (85674) 2.00 Great Russian Writers. A Russian-made portrait of Leo Tolstoy

2.30 Film: The Scamp (1957, b/w) starring Richard Attenborough.
Terence Morgan and Colin Petersen. Sentimental tale of a ten-year-old, rejected by his drunken father, who is befriended by a suburban schoolmaster and his wife. Directed by Wolf Rila (48375842) (1842) 4.05 The Three Stooges in I Can Hardly Wait (1943, b/w) (9771264)

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4.30 Fifteen to One, Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz contest presented by William G. Stewart (s) (945)
5.00 The Oprah Wirnfrey Show. The guests are people who have had near-death experiences, including Elizabeth Taylor (s) (6336397)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout, Classic children's series, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (519910)
6.00 Treasure Hunt, Arneka Rice buzzes around the Borders in search of hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (98194)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi in London and Jon Snow at the Conservative party conference in Brighton, (Teletext) Weather (6755)

(6755) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)



Oxford blues: John Thaw is arrested for murder (8.30pm)

8.30 Inspector Morse: Masonic Mysteries. In the last of the series of repeats the redoubtable inspector finds himself arrested on a charge of murder and even his faithful Sergeant Lewis has doubts about his boss's innocence. Starring John Thaw and Kevin Whately. (Teletext) (90115) 10.30 Packing Them In. Variety acts presented by Jenny Edair, Frank

Skinner, Roger Mann and Kevin Eldon. Tonight's guests are Mark Lamarr, John Shuttleworth and Licassi and Siegel (s) (572668) 11.15 The Prisoner. Cult drama series from the 1960s starring, devised and written by Patrick McGoohan (r). (Teletext) (362026) 12.15am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). American satirical comedy from

1950s. The guests are Lou Costello and Peter Lawford (6170750) 12.40 The Best of the Worst. The first of a new series featuring out-

takes from American television programmes (s) (4805798)
1.10 Film: Noorie (1979) starring Poonam Dhillon and Farooque Shalkh. An Indian drama set in a rural Muslim community. Directed by Manmohan Krishna (41266972). Ends at 3.15

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News on the hour.

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1.30 Good Morning America (39378)
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SKY MOVIES+

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nemage sexuanty (27674)
1.00pm My Past is My Own (1985).
Whoop Goldberg in hypnotic form (20194)
2.00 Coast to Coast (1980): Dyan Cannon escapes from mental hospital (107752)
3.45 On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (1970): Musical (59537823)
6.00 Ob, Heavenly Dogl (as 10am) (84839804)

10.00 Borfire of the Vanities (1991): Tom Wolfe's social comedy (68547303) 12.05am Lady Chatterley's Lover (1982): D.H. Lawrence's classic (680934) 1.50 King of the Kickhoxers (1989): Violent drama (540934) 3.25 Sea No Evil, Hear Mo Evil (1989): Deaf Gene Wilder and blind Richard Pryor witness a murder (240972) 5.10 15 and Getting Straight (1988): Teenacers strupple to overcome addiction

Via the Astra satellite
 6.00pm Another Man, Another Chance
 (1977): Romance starring James Caan and
 Geneview Biold (199223397)
 8.15 Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am Devid and Bathsheba (1951): Biblical epic starring Gregory Peck (195736) 8.15 GT Jose Revenge of Cobra: Cantoon adventures (376129)

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10.15 Cheaper by the Dozen (1950): A couple has 12 children (75914823)
12.00 Man of La Mandus (1972): Peter O'Toole stars as Don Quisote (47851267)
2.15pm The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964): Episodic cornedy (63295823)
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© Via the Astra and Marropolo satellites 6.30am Morning Stretch (85804) 7.00 Sel-a-Vision (791533) 10.00 Music Videos (9729755) 2.00em Last Denice (49750)

Super Trax. (34858) 8.00 Muscle Night (35587) 9.00 Morning Swetch (45200) 9.39 German League Football (39571) 11.30 The Dealer Channel (72620) 12.00 American Sports (63194) 1.00pm The Footballer's Football Show (97649) 3.00 Dubal Snooker Classic (16151) 5.00 German Touring Car Champioriship (7194) 6.00 Football News (204216) 6.03 WWF All-American Wresting (69378) 7.09 Football News (768910) 10.03 The Club Show (33465) 10.30 UK Masters Supercross (42113) 11.00 Torque (17991) 12.00 Football (as 7pm) (73576) 2.00-2.30 The Club Show (69953)

EUROSPORT Via the Astra satellite

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 9.00am Step Aerobics (47668) 9.30 F-28 Catamaran World Championship (74133) 10.30 Aerobics (86200) 11.30 Step Aerobics (70216) 12.00 Eurogoals (58262) 1.00pm Triathlon (67910) 2.00 Gymrastics (14113) 3.30 Volleyball (19007) 5.00 Football (39303) 6.30 Truck Racing (4303) 7.00 Basketball (83755) 8.30 Boxing (92303) 9.30 Eurosport News (59991) 10.00 Gaetic Football Final (73303) 12.00 Eurofun Magazine (96798) 12.30-1.00am News (58040) SCREENSPORT

GRANADA
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(893692) 1.45 Home and Away (243133)
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Blockbusters (668) 6.38-7.00 Granada Toright (620) 11.30 Granada Soccer Night.
Highlights from tonight's Coca Cola cup
matches (815200) 12.45 The Young Riders
(8642866) 1.40 Donahue (4612953) 2.30
Video View (17750) 3.30 Rim: The Last
Known Address (572359) 5.20-5.30 Johfinder (2478663) © Via the Astra satullita 7.00am Australan Rally (52200) 8.00 Longitude (20991) 8.30 Pro Superbike (29262) 9.00 Football Europa (91026) 10.00 AMA Carnel Pro Bibes (77246) 10.30 Women's Volleyball (49026) 11.00 Volvo PGA Golf (34668) 12.00 Long Distance Trials (30378) 12.30pm NR. 1992 (12552) 2.30 Matchenger Brs. Ser. (67555) 4.30 Motels (30378) 12.30pm NR. 1992 (12552) 2.30 Matchroom Pro Box (97668) 4.30 World Rafly Championship (28945) 5.30 Show Jumping (27736) 6.30 Paris-Moscow-Beiling Raid (85262) 7.30 Thai Kick Box (56295) 8.30 Drag Racing (74179) 9.30 Grundig Global Adventure Sport (62465) 10.00 Golf Report (876378) 10.15 Major League Basebal (441552) 12.15am FIA European Truck Racing (506589) 1.15-2.15 Solheim Cup Highlights (601953)

LIFESTYLE

quam gloriosam) 9.55 Midweek Choice: Auber (Overture, La muette de

risgue on bach: Lesie Howard, piano); Enesco (Romanian Rhapsody No 1: Royal Scottish Orchestra under Neeme Järvi); Bartók (Concerto for two pianos, percussion and orchestra: City of Birmingham SO under Simon Rattle, with Katia and Marielle Labèque, planos, Sylvio Gualda and Jean P. Drouet, percussion); Scarlatti (Sonata in G, Kk 427, Sonata in A, Kk 212: Bela Bartok, piano); Walton, arr Palmer (Romanza, Christopher Columbus: City of London Sinfonla under Richard Hickox with Linda Finnle, mezzo); Grofé (Mississippi Suite: Royal Po under Enrique Batiz); Coleridge-Taylor (Onawayl Awake, belowed! Hiawatha: Welsh National Opera Orchestra under Alwyn, with Arthur Davies, tenor) 12.00 pm News

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HTV WEST

As London except: 1.45-2.15 The Young Doctors (243133) 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (4189007) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4765804) 6.00 HTV News (668) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (620) 11.30 Central Sports Special (31755) 12.30-1.00 Hollywood Report (61576) HTV WALES

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As London except: 6.00 TSW Today (668) 6.30-7.00 Home and Away (620) 11.30 The Equalizer (614378) 12.25 Pepsi Rock Sport (5425175) 12.45 The Young Riders (8642866) 1.40 Donahue (4612953) 2.30 Video View (17750) 3.30 Pilm: Last Known Address (572359) 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder (2478563)

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As London except: 2.15-2.45 Highdays and Otherdays (198084) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4765804) 6.00 Calendar (668) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (620) 11.30 Your March (941878) 12.30 Golf: German Masters (9076427) 1.30 Hollywood Report (8389311) 2.00 American Gladiators (1996021) 2.50 Music Box (4639971) 3.50 Quiz Night (44411779) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (7936408)

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(3453129) 8.00 Home Improvement
(1317200) 8.30 Family Matters (1303007)
9.00 News (3066945) 9.30 The Justice
Game (2481281) 10.30 Marketplace
(6246339) 11.00 Twin Peaks (2814755)
11.50 News (8060129) 12.00 Close



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Teenagers struggle to overcome addiction (9139224). Ends at 6.00 SKY MOVIES GOLD

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RADIO 2

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RADIO 5

Resources 7.9; 9.15 Dance Workshop: 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Tune; 10.05 Drama Workshop 10.25 Wigdly Park: 10.30 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 Br85 Workshide 2.30 Sportsbeat 4.30 Five Aside 6.30 Stars (10/20) 7.15 Sriff Bounces Back 7.30 Gary Lineter's Football Night 10.10 Hit the North, not 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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Travel and Weather S.45 Programmes in French 7.59 Weather 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Development '92 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Encounters with the Unicown 9.30 The Litmus Test 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Poems by Post 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Commbus 11.30 Jazz for the Asidng Middday Newsdesk 12.25pm Travel 12.30 BBC English 12.45 Mittagomagaan 1.00 News 1.09 Words of Faith 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 The Naturalist's Tale 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News 4.15 Behand the Gamm 6.00 News and Business Report 6.14 Travel 6.15 BBC English 6.20 Programmes in French 7.30 Newsdesk 1.30 Programmes in German 6.00 News and Business Report 6.14 Travel 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Programmes in French 7.30 Newsdesk 1.30 Programmes in German 9.00 News 9.05 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Europe Tonight 10.00 Newsdown 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 4.15 Sports Round

CLASSIC EM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00
Susannah Samons with guest Josephine Hart, author of Sin 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto:
3.00 Petroc Trelawney 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Book Browse 8.00 Classic FM Concert:
Susse Romande Orchestra under Ernest Ansermet performs Berlio: (Le Carnaval romain);
Fauré (Pelléas et Mélisande) 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

7.00 On Air, presented by Piers Burton-Page, including Handel (Incidental music, The Alchymist, Academy of Ancient Music unde

VARIATIONS

As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (198084) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (177129) 11.30 Anglia Sport Special (31755) 12.30-1.00 Hollywood Report (61576)

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(177129) 11.30 Central Sports Special (31755) 12.30 Rim: The Strange World of Planet X (2726885) 1.55 War of the Worlds (3221069) 2.50 Film: Unearthly Stranger (3763330) 4.20 Pick of the Week (47649717) 4.45-5.30 Jobfinder (4938972)

ANGLIA

CENTRAL

GRANADA

convivum: Westminster Cathedral Choir under David Hill); Narváez (Diferencias on Guárdame las vacas); Antonio de Cabezón (Pavan; La Gamba); Victoria (Missa O

(Overture, La muette de Portici, Masaniello: Derroit SO under Paul Paray); Faure (Pavane: Montreal Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Charles Dutoit); Bach (Concert in A, BWV1055: The English Concert under Trevor Pirinock, with David Reichenberg, oboe d'amore); Liszt (Fantasia and Fugue on Bach: Leslie Howard, piano); Enesco (Romanian Rhapsody No 1: Royal Scottish

Hall, London. Saxton
(Paraphrase on Mozan's
idomeneo: Members of the
London Philharmonic under
Jeremy Jackman);
Mendelssohn (Warum toben
die Heiden?: London
Philharmonic Choir under
Jeremy Jackman). 7.50 Letter
from an Albanian Prison, by
Peter Arbnori. Read by Nigel
Carnington. 8.10 Beethoven
(Symphony No 9 in D minor,
Chorat; London Philharmonic
Choir and Orchestra under
Klaus Tennstedt)
Portuguese Discoverers:

9.30 Portuguese Discoverers:
Manuel Carlos de Britos
examines the journals of the
early voyages to discover
European reactions, often negative, to other musical cultures

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9.45 Peruvian Polyphony:
Cordoba Children's Choir, Ersemble Elyma under Danièl Garrido performs a Mass and Vespers music by the baroque composers Juan de Avaujo and Tomas de Torrejon y Velasco

10.30 Karl Amadeus Hartmann: Thomas Zehetmair plays Sonata No 2 for unaccompanied violin

10.45 Night Waves: Includes an interview with Alan Sinfield, author of Faultines, and a look at architecture after the Canary Wharl debade

11.30 Beethoven and Bartok Quartets: Endelfion Quartet performs Bartok (Quartet No 1); Beethoven (Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5) 12.30am News

1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

RADIO 4

10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): Death of the Infant Prince
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Daphne Parrish, who was imprisoned in Baghdad for six months. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Ardersier and District Gardening Ch.

Members of the Ardersier and District Gardening Club, Inverness, put their questions to the experts (r)

12.00 You and Yours

12.25pm The Wooden Horse: Eric Williams's wartime escape story (4/6) (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke and James Naughtie

1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Memoirs of
Sherlock Hohmes: The
Crooked Man. The first of five
adventures featuring Sir
Arthur Conan Doyle's Baker
Street detective. Dramatised
by Bert Coules (s)
2.47 Treasure Islands celebrates
Children's Book Week (r)
3.00 File on 4 (r)
3.42 Profile

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Bird, the cricket umpire, takes as read the day-to-day duties that go with the job. Except for his forebodings about the

decision to introduce independent umpires, the rest is non-controversial, anecdotal and character-defining stuff. son, can be three hours earl

4.00 News
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4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the restored version of Orson Welles's film of Othello and a cartoon version of Beauty and the Beast; and there is a report on the leading Irish group Saw Doctors (s)
4.45 Short Story: Berlin Snowfall, by Irene Dische. Read by Barbara Flytm.
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts
7.21 Face the Facts
7.35 Antony Hopkins Talking

8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music Sibelus's Violin

About Music Sibelius's Violin
Concerto (s)

8.45 in Business: Who Needs
Unions? Peter Day reports on
whether there is still a role for
organised labour in a radically
changed business climate

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(g) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.45 Booker at Bedtisne: Black
Dogs, by lan McEwan. Read
by David Dooley

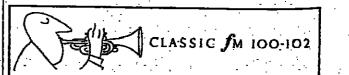
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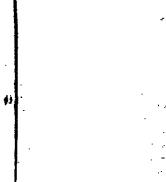
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping

12.43 World Service (LW only)

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